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AT THE SUMMIT: Crown Prince Fahd, who returned to Riyadh from the Arab summit conference in Tunis Thursday night, is seen above with North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh, and below with Syrian President Hafiz Assad and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal in Tunis.



Sarkis compromises

League pledges Lebanon aid

TUNIS, Nov. 23 (R) — President Elias Sarkis has returned to Beirut from the Arab League summit with a large pledge of funds to not the solution he wanted to the war in South Lebanon.

Inform sources said after the three-day summit Sarkis was forced to drop his position at his fellow heads of state should underwrite his authority to order Palestinian commandos out of the battleground above Israel's northern border.

President Sarkis came to Tunis declaring at his country had done enough for the Lebanese cause.

But the sources said an unpublished decision of the summit decreed that the Lebanese government and the Palestinian movement could have joint control over the location of Palestinian commandos in the South. The final declaration blamed the suffering on the Israeli.

"The conference backs the efforts of the Lebanese government and the Palestine Liberation Organization to solve all the problems," it said.

Arab League Secretary General Chedli El Kebbi told reporters that Arab countries had omitted to give \$2 billion over the next five years to Lebanon, which has never recovered from its 1975-76 civil war.

They said the unpublished document on Lebanon also took note of an undertaking by the Palestinian commandos to halt attacks on Israel from the south.

Palestinian sources say that attacks across the border have already been stopped to spare Lebanon from Israeli reprisals.

This week's Arab League summit was the second held without Egypt — once its largest member. Egypt was suspended from the league following President Anwar Sadat's Camp David peace accords with Israel and the United States.

The league's headquarters has been moved from Cairo to Tunis and Klibi, a former Tunisian Minister of Information, succeeded Egypt's Mahmoud Riad as secretary general. All 21 remaining members took part in this week's summit.

The final declaration renewed Arab states' pledges to the Palestinian cause and their denunciation of President Sadat's peace with Israel.

The Arab leaders undertook to work out a common political, military and economic strategy in the next year and also warned the United States that its support for Israel would damage its interests in the Arab world.

Unaffected by Iran

Money markets record quiet day

LONDON, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — Reports at Iran planned to default on its large foreign debt left hardly a ripple on the world's money exchange and bullion markets Friday. Money dealers and gold traders reacted cautiously to the reports, which might affect the estimated variously at \$7 billion to \$15 billion.

Their reaction reflected puzzlement about conflicting reports on economic affairs in Iran.

The price of gold was fixed Friday on the London market at \$392 an ounce compared with the morning fix of \$390.15, before the news from Iran but this was still well below Thursday night's London gold fixing price of \$393.50.

The dollar was also fixed against most other major currencies, with the pound sterling trading on European foreign exchange markets at \$2.1620 Friday afternoon compared with \$2.1597 before the news from Iran.

The Bank of England's index measuring sterling against the currencies of Britain's major trading partners closed at 69.2, unchanged from Thursday night's level.

In London the dollar was trading at 1.7601 West German marks, 0.6528 Swiss francs and 4.1335 French francs, compared with 1.7530 marks, 1.660 Swiss and 4.136 French francs before the Iranian foreign minister said foreign debts contracted by the Shah's regime would not be repaid.

The price of gold fell for the second straight day. London dealers said bullion trading was fairly quiet because of a lack of developments in the troubled Middle East.

"Most traders now are just awaiting fresh events," a London dealer said.

The dollar also closed higher in Zurich against the Swiss franc, and in Milan against the Italian lira.

In Tokyo, where the dollar finished Thursday at a high for the year of 248.375 yen, the market was closed for a holiday.

Miller lands in Riyadh on Mideast tour

RIYADH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — U.S. Treasury Secretary G. William Miller arrived here Friday night for talks with senior officials of the Kingdom.

It was the first stop on a Middle East tour that also includes Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, and his first trip to the Kingdom since he took over as treasury secretary last summer.

Miller is to meet with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd and other Saudi Arabian officials for discussions of bilateral issues.

He will also sign a renewal of a five-year technical agreement between the Kingdom and the United States, Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abd al-Khalil will sign on behalf of the King, dom.

Miller will stay here for three days, and will hold a press conference prior to his departure.

In London, Associated Press reporters travelling with Miller reported Friday that he said President Jimmy Carter may impose mandatory measures to reduce oil consumption in the U.S. next year.

He said steps to control use of autos could be done through gasoline rationing and an increase in gasoline taxes or some other steps he didn't specify.

Other mandatory measures could include lighting controls and temperature controls, he said.

All the options of mandatory curtailment, price curtailment, have to be looked at," Miller said. "We need to make a tremendous effort next year to restrain demand."

Miller said reducing energy consumption to help restrain oil price increases is now the key to controlling inflation in the United States.

"The battle now revolves around energy," he said. "If oil prices continue rising, then all other efforts to control inflation, including efforts to support the dollar, will be frustrated."

He said Carter's advisers hope to have a set of specific proposals ready for him to consider by mid-December in time to work out a final proposal to be presented to Congress in January.

The decision hasn't yet been made whether actually to propose mandatory controls or stick to voluntary controls to reduce consumption.

"Whether we will go one way or the other, I simply don't know."

It was learned a week ago that an administration inter-agency task force was working on options for conserving oil for the president to consider, but Miller's statement was the strongest yet by a high official that mandatory measures are being seriously considered.

Any mandatory actions would have to be approved by Congress before they could take effect, however, an official said.

Miller said it would be unrealistic not to expect the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries to vote some additional increase in oil prices when they meet in Caracas Dec. 10.

TEHRAN, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Abolhassan Bani Sadr announced Friday that Iran would not pay any foreign debts contracted during the regime of the deposed Shah.

The debts are estimated to exceed \$15 billion, Bani Sadr said during Friday prayers at Tehran University.

"We will not pay these debts, which are borrowed by looters," he said in a speech broadcast live on Tehran radio.

The announcement left international bankers perplexed, since several times since the February revolution which toppled the Shah the government here had said it would honor debts contracted under the old regime.

But Bani Sadr said that previously officials had estimated those debts at only \$800 million, but Thursday night came up with the new and much larger estimate.

The dollar, however, showed little reaction in late trading to the announcement from Iran. Against the West German mark it remained at 1.7630 marks.

Meanwhile, about 20 foreigners, most of them Americans, surprised Iranians Friday by parading through the streets of Tehran to demand the extradition of the Shah because, having lived here through the revolution, we know him to be a murderer."

The marchers, accompanied by about 20 revolutionary guards, were cheered by scores of Iranians shouting "Long Live Americans" as they walked from Ferdowsi Square to Tehran University and back. One American said the group was divided over the taking of American hostages at the U.S. embassy but that they were unanimous about the Shah.

Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini fired a new salvo at the United States, calling on all Muslims and American blacks to rise and "join us in this struggle between the infidel and Islam."

Meanwhile, a secret document obtained by the Associated Press suggested that the United States had at one time planned to grant permanent residence to the deposed Shah, now receiving cancer treatment in New York.

It said officials discussed the idea as early

'Violation of Islam' World condemns attack

RIYADH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Leaders from all over the world cabled and telephoned King Khaled to express their outrage at the attack on the Holy Haram.

They said they were particularly upset that the attackers — a group of deviators from Islam — had violated the sanctity of Islam's holiest shrine and terrorized and shed the blood of innocent worshippers during prayers.

At the same time those calling the King voiced their support for the Saudi Arabian government for the wisdom with which it has dealt with the situation.

They praised the Kingdom's insistence on capturing the attackers without hurting any of the worshippers inside or damaging the mosque or the Holy Kaaba inside.

Among those calling were King Hussein of Jordan, Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan, and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Other world leaders also added their voices Friday to the growing chorus denouncing the takeover. Thursday, the Arab League summit in Tunis condemned the attack.

Meanwhile, Imams of mosques in the Kingdom denounced the "mean aggression" carried out by the attackers.

They devoted their Friday prayers to the attacks on the sanctity of the mosque, and called for the most severe penalties to be inflicted on the perpetrators.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Saleh, the Imam of the Holy Prophet's Mosque in Medina, said that "criminals exploited the sanctity of the shrine and the sanctity of the holy month to slaughter innocent people performing their devotions."

He said that in doing so the attackers were waging war on God, on his Prophet Muhammad and trying to spread corruption on earth. The penalty they deserve is clearly specified in the Holy Koran, he said.

Quoting from the Koran, he read the verse, "Those who fight God and his Prophet and endeavor to spread corruption on earth deserve to be killed or crucified or have their hands and legs cut off or be exiled from each."

Sheikh Abdul Aziz praised the government's policy regarding the seizure, which he said "showed wisdom and foresight to avoid shedding the blood of innocent worshippers."

In Riyadh, Imam Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh of the Grand Mosque there called the attackers "Kawharej," or people who have deviated from the right path of Islam.

He said their attack on the Holy Kaaba earned them the curse of God and man, and called for swift punishment for their acts.

Imams in the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Egypt and Kuwait, also devoted their Friday prayers to denouncing the attack.

In Doha, Imams emphasized that in attacking the Holy Haram the group which staged the seizure Tuesday had left the path of Islam.

From Beirut, President Elias Sarkis of

Carter summons advisers

Iran to repudiate Shah's foreign debts

as last summer while admitting Iranian officials "may not like" the idea.

Scores of Iranians cheered and clapped as the foreigners in favor of extraditing the Shah marched through the city in the first anti-Shah demonstration by Americans and other foreign residents of Tehran.

David Dunks, 30, of San Francisco, said he had been living here three months teaching English. He said members of the group had different opinions on the takeover of the embassy but they all agreed about the Shah.

The document obtained by the AP was sent in August by Henry Precht, U.S. State Department Iranian affairs director, to Bruce Laingen, the now-captive U.S. charge d'affaires in Iran. It said the United States should aim to admit the Shah permanently by next January after stepping up security at the embassy here.

Meanwhile, UNESCO officials in Paris said Ireland's Sean MacBride, winner of both the Nobel and Lenin peace prizes, is negotiating in Tehran on behalf of UNESCO to seek a "humanitarian solution" to the embassy siege. MacBride, former director of Amnesty International, flew to Tehran Wednesday.

Students at the embassy released five non-American hostages Thursday, and issued a statement reiterating they would not free the remaining Americans unless the Shah was returned to Iran for trial. Thirteen Americans, blacks and women, were released previously and deported.

The commander of Iran's navy ordered put his forces on full alert to counter the approach of American warships, dispatched to the Indian Ocean, south of Iran, by President Jimmy Carter.

Carter summoned his top foreign policy advisers to his Camp David mountain retreat Friday to plan new tactics for gaining the release of 49 Americans held hostage since Nov. 4 when Iranian students seized the embassy.

Khomeini, in a statement from his headquarters in Qom broadcast over state radio, warned that the students would blow up the embassy and kill the hostages if the United

States attempts to rescue them by force.

The Carter administration said earlier this week that it hoped to end the standoff peacefully but had "other remedies" available.

If an attack occurs, Khomeini said, "our youngmen have announced ... they would blow up the embassy with everything in it. Should this happen, we cannot restrain those who have lived under oppression for 50 years."

In his speech, Khomeini said he read in a newspaper that "all the people of Pakistan are reported to have risen against America. This is good news for our oppressed people, for they realize they are not alone. Muslims must become a single hand."

A mob sacked the U.S. embassy in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad on Wednesday.

"I call on all Muslim nations, all Muslims, all Muslim armies, all Islamic security forces and all Muslim countries' presidents to cooperate with our nation," Khomeini said. "This is not a struggle between us and America. It is between Islam and the infidel."

"They must not be afraid," Khomeini added, "thinking that America is a big power that it is a satanic power which can destroy everything in a single day. This is propaganda. America cannot use its power against Muslims."

Khomeini added that "American blacks who have been subject to U.S. oppression are now in accord with us. Even they might rise. At such a sensitive time, when we are standing up against America and its satanic plots, they must agree with us and cooperate with us."

Adm. Ahmed Madani, the Iranian naval commander, said he had placed his forces on full alert after President Carter ordered the carrier *Kitty Hawk* and five escort ships to sail from the Philippines into the Indian Ocean to join the carrier *Midway*, now cruising 600 miles south of Iran.

A Pentagon spokesman said the Iranian navy consists of 22,000 personnel and a surface force of three destroyers and several frigates.



Dr. Abdo Yamani

Lebanon cabled King Khaled that he joined the Lebanese people in condemning the "atrocious attack" on the mosque.

Former Lebanese Premier Saeb Salam sent a similar cable, accusing the perpetrators of being heretics.

And a similar cable was also received from Ruler of Ras Al Khaima Sheikh Muhammad bin Saqr al-Qasbi.

The Muslim welfare societies in Lebanon sent a cable calling the attack "an act masterminded by Satan."

In Morocco, the Chamber of Deputies in Rabat passed a resolution condemning the attack and the group which carried it out. The Moroccan Islamic Solidarity Association issued a statement describing the attacks as a "criminal deed."

And there were also demonstrations in several places with Muslims taking to the streets to protest the assault on the shrine.

In Calcutta, hundreds of Indian Muslims marched and chanted their opposition to the attack, and similar demonstrations were organized in Srinagar, Kashmir.

From Ankara, Turkish Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel issued a statement calling the attack "the greatest sin" and said it was "an assault on the whole Islamic world."

300 Americans leave Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — More than 300 Americans left the Pakistani capital Friday in an airlift ordered by the U.S. State Department after a mob sacked the U.S. Embassy here in a riot that killed six persons, including two American soldiers.

The bodies of Marine Corp. Steven Crowley of New York and Army Chief Warrant Officer Bryan Ellis of North Carolina were put aboard the chartered Pan Am Jumbo jet before the 309 evacuees boarded.

Children hugged teddy bears and parents carried infants and pet cages. Some cried,

others questioned the necessity of the evacuation.

The departure from Islamabad Airport was conducted under tight security and one reporter interviewing evacuees was ejected from the area.

Up to 100 other American dependents and non-essential U.S. personnel were expected to board the plane when it stopped at Karachi, Pakistan's largest city. From there the plane headed for Washington after refueling stop in Europe.

The evacuees included families from U.S. missions in Lahore and Peshawar and about 40 civilians, most of them families of school teachers, who are not employed by the government.

U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hummel Jr. warned evacuees against making press statements in Washington critical of the Pakistani army's handling of rioters during Wednesday's disturbances. He said critical remarks might affect the safety of the 49 American hostages held by militant students at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the 65 embassy staffers who remained in Islamabad.

Asked what could be criticized, one of the evacuees told the Associated Press, "The five-hour wait for the Pakistani Army."

Witnesses have said troops did not move against the mob until five hours after the embassy siege began. Besides the two Americans killed, the riot claimed the lives of three Pakistani employees of the embassy and two of the rioters.

Many in Islamabad's diplomatic community have expressed surprise and anger that the martial law government of Pakistan's president, Gen. Zia ul-Haq, acted so slowly to put down the riot.

Some of the evacuees also were critical of the decision to pull U.S. personnel out of Pakistan.

"Isn't it a farce?" the wife of one U.S. official asked a reporter, "It's all quite unnecessary," she said.

The Pakistan capital has remained calm since Wednesday evening.

Zia's government expressed "deep regret" for the incident and announced Thursday it was launching an investigation into its causes.

Local newspapers said Zia visited a Catholic convent school in nearby Rawalpindi, which also was attacked Wednesday, and offered government funds for repairs.

Also badly damaged were local Bank of America and American press branches and the American culture center.

The Pakistani leader has apologized and made an offer to help with the rebuilding costs of the fire-gutted \$21 million embassy complex, U.S. officials said.

And U.S. officials said Thursday the United States is satisfied that Pakistan's leaders opposed the sacking of its embassy but wants to know why the rescue operation was so slow.

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Khaled greeted at start of year

MECCA, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Waseh Thursday greeted King Khaled his greetings to the advent of the new year. A similar cable was sent to Crown Prince Fahd in the name of the Pilgrimage Ministers' Conference follow-up committee.

The committee prepared an agenda for the ministers' conference early next year and approved

several resolutions on the Pilgrimage submitted by members.

The committee consists of Sheikh Abdul Wahab, Jordanian Minister of Endowments Kamel Al-Sharif, Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan of the Muslim World League, Syrian Minister of Endowments Sheikh Abdul Sattar, Comoro Islands Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdullah Muhammad.



Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Waseh

Irrigation, drainage

Hasa project has cost SR550m

HASA, Nov. 23 (SPA) — The Hasa irrigation and drainage project has so far cost SR550 million, Muhammad Abdullah Abu Batin, rector general of the project, said.

The project serves 52,000 farms with a total area of 11,000 hectares. It uses water from 32 rings, including those of Haqlum Al-Sabe, Khudoud, Hara, Ibrat, Jawahariyya and Fawarah.

The farm land is watered by 525 kilometers of concrete canals which were designed in a tiered form to facilitate the flow of water. Dates, vegetables, animal feed, citrus fruits and the Hasa rice are produced.

Abu Batin said the drainage system ensures that subterranean water does not rise high enough to use swamps and prevent the cultivation of fruits and vegetables.

With this in mind three main drainage plants were built to get

rid of surplus water by evaporation. They are connected to smaller drainage canals with a total length of 1,500 kilometers.

Engineers are carrying out studies for recycling waste water in irrigation. Results have so far been encouraging.

The government has allocated SR35 million for clearing 3,000 kilometers of private drainage canals of weed for the farmers, in addition to clearing 1,500 kilometers of canals belonging to the authority.

Abu Batin said that soon 16,000 square meters of swamps will be reclaimed and 275,000 square meters of roads will be levelled and compacted. During the same period, estimated at a month, 90,000 kilometers of private drainage canals will be cleared.

The Hasa Irrigation and Drainage Authority is also carrying out

experiments with the cooperation of Nationalist Chinese experts on developing new and improved strains of rice in 100 experimental farms. Farmers are given advice free.

The Ministry of Communications this year agreed to asphalt 248 kilometers in the agricultural project.

Kingdom joins secretariat of Gulf research centers

ALAIN, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has been elected to the newly-formed secretariat of research centers and institutions studying the Arabian Peninsula. The Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Conference here also decided it will hold its next meeting in Riyadh's King Abdul Aziz Research Center.

The Kingdom was elected to the

Meeting begins today on Prophet

DOHA, Nov. 23 (SPA) — A four day conference on the Holy Prophet opens here Saturday. It is organized by the government of Qatar in cooperation with the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The conference will discuss the Sirah and the Sunnah, or the life and traditions, of the Prophet Muhammad, and it will lay down a strategy for facing up to materialist trends opposed to Islam. It will also examine how to improve ties between scholars and institutions concerned with the Sirah.

The conference will be attended by ministers of endowments and Islamic affairs of Islamic countries, senior officials from the OIC and the Mecca-based Muslim World League as well as 250 scholars from more than 50 countries.

scientific assembly of the secretariat, with Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait. The secretariat will set up headquarters in a Gulf or Arabian Peninsula state.

It was also resolved that the conference publish an annual volume of contributions from research centers on scientific aspects of the Peninsula and the Gulf, thereby focussing attention on the work being done in that field.

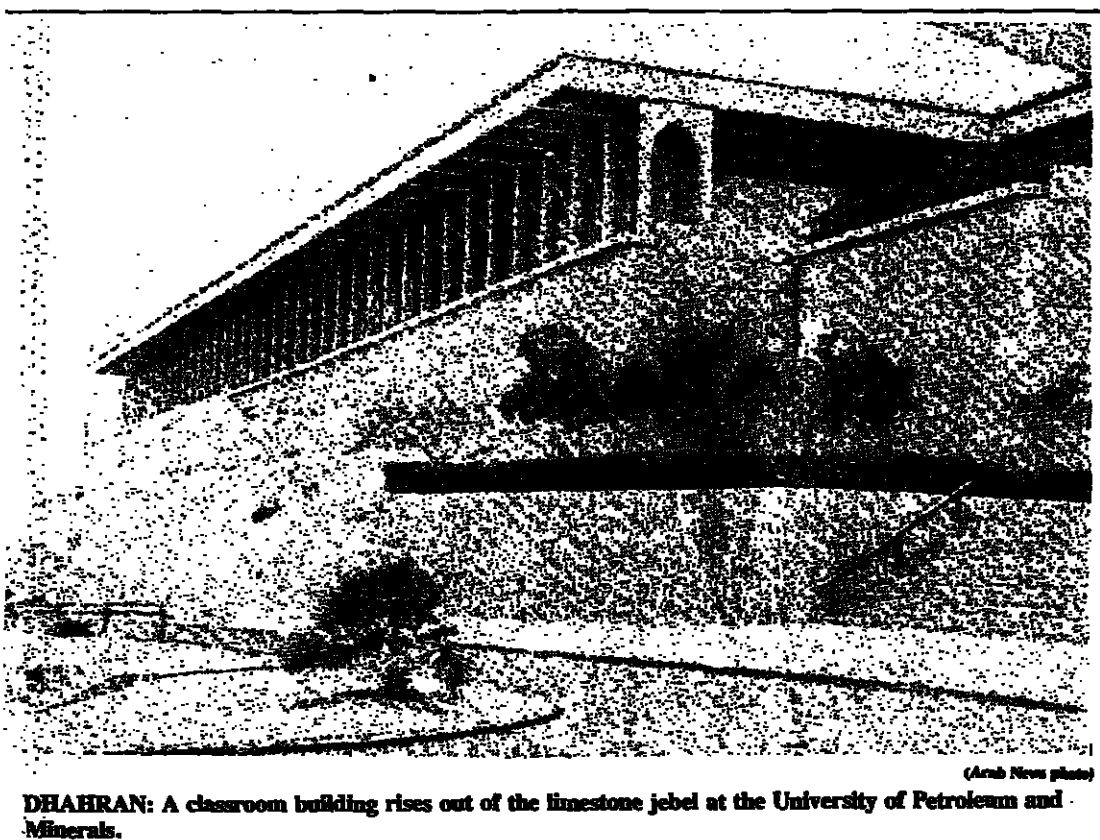
The conference stressed the responsibilities the secretariat will bear in improving and developing scientific research. It is also meant to deepen relations between centers in the Peninsula and the Gulf and those outside studying the area.

The King Abdul Aziz Research Center was also nominated to a committee the conference set up for collating historical documents on the area. The Bahraini Historic Documents Center and the Gulf Studies magazine of Kuwait University also joined the committee.

After the Riyadh meeting, the next sessions will be held in Qatar and Bahrain.

Arab Gulf tariff talks start today

ABU DHABI, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia will take part in a five-day conference opening here Saturday on Gulf customs duties. Other participants are Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates.



DHAHRAN: A classroom building rises out of the limestone jebel at the University of Petroleum and Minerals.

Saudi Comment

By Ghaleb Hamzah Abul Faraj
Al-Jazira

Perhaps unselfishness is one of our principal characteristics. At state level we are helping others and offering a lot of assistance, sometimes without announcing it.

While this is not the place and not the occasion for giving details of what we have done and are doing, suffice it to say that we have succeeded in making reality of the meaning of Islamic solidarity, which has been our dream and the objective of every other Muslim.

Thus the Organization of the Islamic Conference has grown from strength to strength and gives those who follow its fortunes a lot to be proud of. We have done our best to make it a going concern, by taking part in founding it, drawing up its charter and opening our coffers to it.

Nevertheless, we find that most of its agencies have none of our own men. They could have been a real asset with their knowledge and expertise for the whole organization.

I have heard it said that the Saudi Arabians prefer to let others take up the key positions in the organization. This is fine and an expression of selfless service, but continuing to shun service there might in time deprive us of the opportunities to train and learn how to serve such international associations.

The call for Islamic solidarity does not restrict our role to that of advocates and organizers only. It really means that we should take an active part in running the organizations that arise out of it. Nor is it true that we do not have enough people to spare for service because of the dearth of qualified manpower. I know that there are plenty of men who are eminently qualified to serve and give their best to the organization and to similar groups.

I am writing this in the hope that my remarks will be taken seriously because, we, like others, must have our own men in such

organizations. When we were content with planning and financial assistance our objective was to help these organizations become successful realities. It is time for us to play a more active role in the administration.

I know that there are many of our best men who are quite willing to take positions inside these organizations. Already hundreds of them have proved they can contribute to the education and enlightenment of other Muslims by going abroad to teach, guide and instruct.

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Soviet Union sees U.S. warships in Gulf threat to Iran

MOSCOW, Nov. 23 (R) — The Soviet Union has denied it was interfering in Iran's affairs and said the real threat to Iranians lay in the presence of United States warships in the Gulf.

Commenting on events in Iran, the government newspaper *Izvestia* on Thursday did not mention the United States by name, but its reference to the movements of warships to the Gulf was a clear allusion to Washington's decision to reinforce its navy there.

"Slanderous inventions about the 'interference' of the Soviet Union in the internal affairs of neighboring states are fabrications by the enemies of the Iranian people."

"They are meant to deflect the masses' attention from the real dangers threatening Iran in the form of demonstrative movements of warships to the Gulf, attempts to isolate Iran on the international scene and make it fight with friendly countries and isolate it economically," *Izvestia* said.

It was those forces which had

Khomeini invited to Pakistan

TEHRAN, Nov. 23 (R) — A Pakistani army general was quoted as saying Thursday that Ayatollah Khomeini had been invited to visit Pakistan.

The official news agency Pars said the invitation was conveyed by Gen. Massarat Nawaz on behalf of Pakistan's President Zia Ul-Haq and the people of Pakistan.

"On behalf of millions of Pakistanis we request you to visit Pakistan," the agency quoted Nawaz as saying to the Ayatollah.

The agency did not say whether the invitation was accepted.

It said Nawaz, leading a group of 120 officers belonging to Pakistan's three armed services, had called on Khomeini at Qom Thursday following their annual pilgrimage to Mecca.

been overthrown in the Iranian revolution which claimed that "both superpowers are equally guilty", the paper said.

This was an attempt to drag Iran into a fight on two fronts, the paper said. It did not specify which forces had accused Moscow of interfering in Iranian affairs.

Tehran demonstrators, supporting revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini, have chanted slogans against both superpowers and called for Iran to follow an independent "Islamic" line.

In a separate development in Tehran, a top Iranian religious leader Friday bitterly attacked two Kurdish leaders now negotiating with a government peace mission on Kurdish autonomy.

"Ezzedin Hosseini and Abdul Rahman Qassemloo are evil," Ayatollah Hossein-Montazeri said in a sermon at Tehran University.

Sheikh Hosseini, the spiritual leader of an estimated 3.5 million ethnic Kurds, is the head of the Kurdish negotiating team, which also includes Qassemloo, general secretary of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP).

The government and Kurdish negotiators were expected to meet in Kurdistan Friday in the second round of autonomy talks.

Montazeri said there were files which contained allegations that Sheikh Ezzedin cooperated with Savak, the disbanded secret police of the deposed Shah.

"I don't support Qassemloo and Hosseini. They are evil," he said.

Israelis pound S. Lebanon town

BEIRUT, Nov. 23 (AP) — Israeli border gunners shelled the southern Lebanese market town of Nabatiyeh for 30 minutes Thursday evening, the state radio reported.

The broadcast said no casualties were reported but the barrage damaged the town's power plant pulling it out of action.

The Israeli shelling coincided with the 36th anniversary of Lebanon's independence from France.

Within two weeks

Shah 'very anxious' to leave America

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — The deposed Shah of Iran says he has completed radiation treatments for cancer and hopes to leave here for Mexico within two weeks, according to ABC News.

In an interview Thursday with the network's Barbara Walters, the Shah said he was "very anxious to leave" the United States and, in fact, never wanted to come here in the first place.

Miss Walters quoted the Shah as saying he needs "semi-surgery" on his gallbladder to remove another stone. This procedure will involve inserting a small basket-like device into a bladder tube, trapping the stone and pulling it out.

"The Shah doesn't know exactly when the (gallbladder) surgery will begin," Miss Walters said. "It depends how he reacts to the radiation. But he's very anxious to go, and hopes it will be within two weeks."

The Shah's surgeon, Dr. Bjorn Thorbjarnson, reached at his home Thursday night, said he could not comment on the report.

But other doctors attending the Shah have said privately they would not oppose his leaving once the radiation treatments were finished and the gallstone was out.

He was wearing a paisley robe and pajama and standing when Miss Walters entered his 17th floor hospital room at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. He was reportedly very alert.

She quoted the Shah as saying, "I did not want to come here," and that he had to come to the United States from Mexico to use a sophisticated diagnosing instrument called the body scanner. Miss Walters said he told her that his wife, Empress Farah, his doctors and other advisers insisted that he come.

"The Shah told me," Miss Walters said, "that as early as four months before everything toppled in Iran, millions of people were cheering for him." He told her he had not expected the revolution in Iran and did not know what had sparked it.

Asked whether he planned to return to his homeland, the Shah

The Shah

said: "Going back to Iran? I may be many things, but I am not stupid."

Although he has remained current by watching television, the Shah did not discuss the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran where Iranian students continue to hold 49 Americans hostage. The Shah said he can be tried and punished for his crimes.

He reacted angrily to "exaggerated" estimates of his wealth, Miss Walters said. He claimed he was worth no more than \$50 to \$100 million, from which he had to support about 50 people.

The Shah said he would tell his story of recent events in Iran in a book to be written after he left the United States.

Abdul Ghani meets Mrs. Thatcher

N.Yemen, U.K. discuss trade ties

LONDON, Nov. 23 (R) — North Yemen Premier Abdul-Aziz Abdul-Ghani discussed economic cooperation with British ministers Thursday and held a half-hour meeting with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The prospects of increased British-Yemeni trade were brought up in Abdul-Ghani's meetings with Trade Secretary John Nott and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, who also reviewed a series of international problems with him.

"Very friendly"

A spokesman for Mrs. Thatcher said her meeting with Abdul-Ghani had been very friendly, but he declined to give any details of the talks.

Carrington concentrated on commercial prospects while reviewing bilateral relations.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Carrington and Abdul-Ghani also conferred on the problems of

the Middle East, particularly the situation in Iran and the Arabian Peninsula.

The British trade secretary, who leaves Friday on a Middle East tour, told Abdul-Ghani that British exporters were anxious to expand their share of the Yemeni market.

Exports

A Department of Trade spokesman said Abdul-Ghani, who is accompanied by Economic Minister Ahmad Muhammad Al-Shohati, did not discuss specific new contracts with Nott.

British exports to North Yemen rose from \$13.2 million in 1974 to \$100 million last year.

Exports for the first nine months of this year totaled \$81.6 million.

British exports include consumer goods and consultancy work. British companies are building an airport at Hodeida, providing a color television system and

running North Yemen's telecommunications.

Yemeni exports to Britain totaled \$16 million last year. These include coffee and other agricultural products.

Abdul-Ghani, a former economy minister and governor of the Central Bank, was due to discuss commercial cooperation in closer detail Friday in talks with British exporters organized by the Confederation of British Industry.

Saddam Hussein meets Chadli

ALGIERS, Nov. 23 (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein left here Friday after discussions with Algerian President Benjedid Chadli on the results of the Tunis Arab summit.

Chadli did not attend the meeting.

Israel links peace with Egypt to oil sale

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (R) — Israeli Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai has said if Egypt failed to honor its obligation to sell oil to Israel, it would be tantamount to breaking the peace agreement between the two countries.

Modai was speaking Thursday to reporters who accompanied him on a farewell visit to the Sinai oil fields due to be handed over to

Egypt next week. Egyptian technicians on the site said Egypt had decided to reduce production from the Alma oil fields by 30 per cent to 20,000 barrels a day to avoid overproduction.

Modai admitted feeling sad at leaving the oil fields.

"It's hard to be leaving at such a time of world energy problems

and especially in view of Israel's inferior position in this area, and in my position as energy minister, well, it hurts," Modai said.

"I believe absolutely that the peace with our Egyptian neighbors can be realized. If we develop friendly, neighborly cooperation, then it was worthwhile. But if Egypt fails to meet its commitments, they will be breaking the peace treaty," Modai said.

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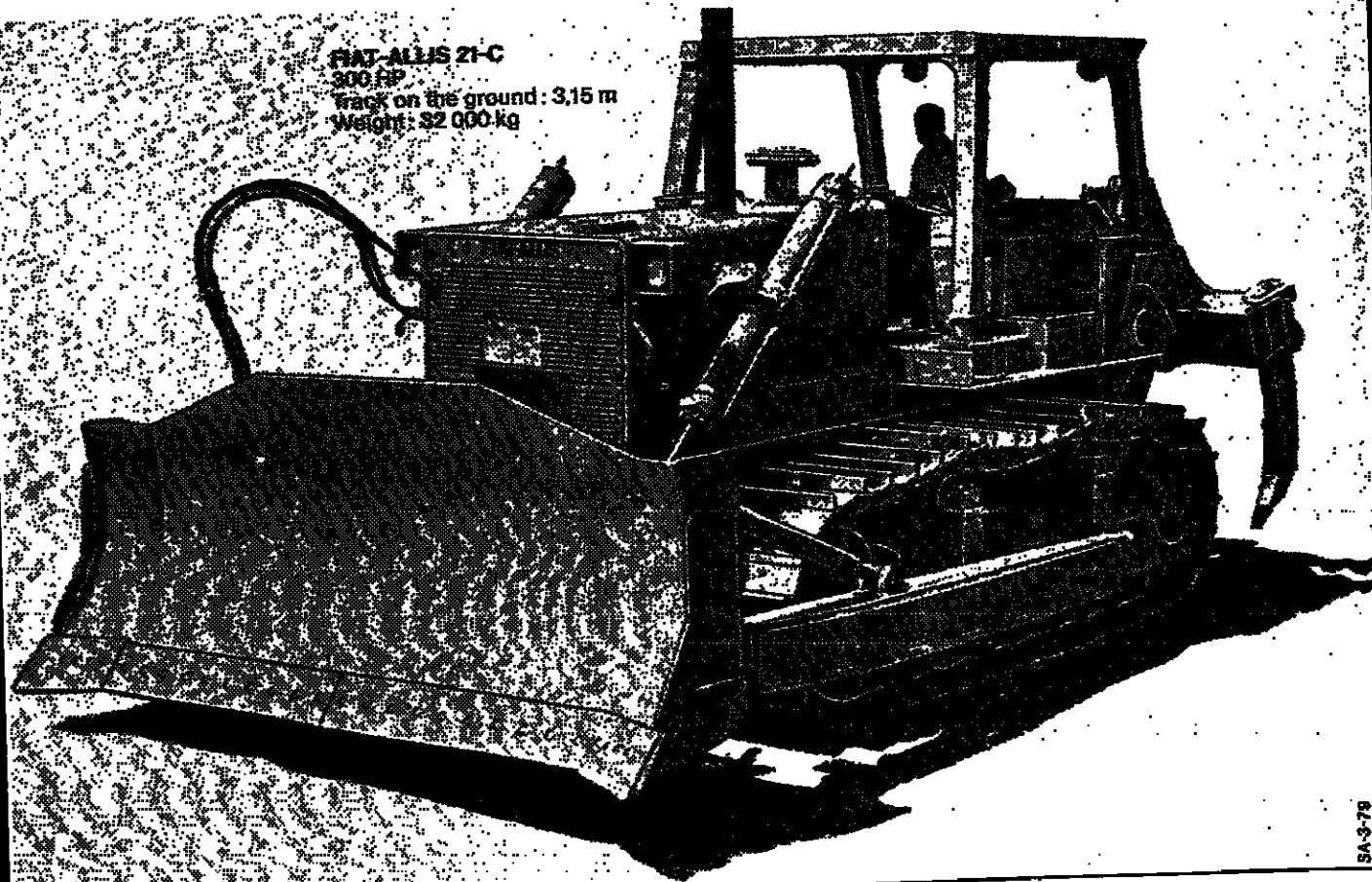
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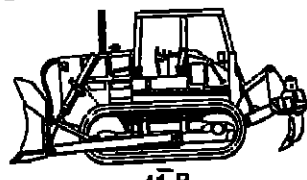
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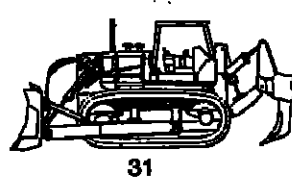
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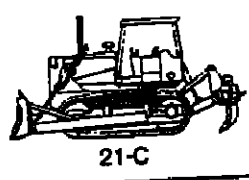
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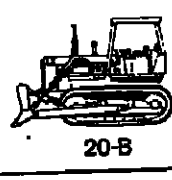
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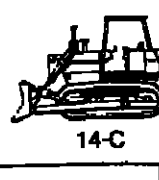
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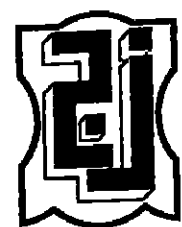


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With control of the trade route came riches

The awesome remains of an Arab civilization

By Rosalind Ingrams

"Match me such a marvel save in Eastern clime A rose-red city half as old as Time."

With these famous lines an otherwise obscure poet, Dean Vurgon, immortalized the ancient Nabatean city of Petra.

Not the least extraordinary aspect of this extraordinary place is that it was only brought to light again in 1812 after many centuries of oblivion. It was the remarkable Swiss scholar and explorer John Burckhardt who, while journeying from Damascus to Cairo, heard tantalizing tales from his Arab guides of a fabulous city hidden within the rocks. Determined to find the place, Burckhardt conceived a clever plan. Knowing that the tomb of Aaron was close to the place, he declared to his guides that he had vowed to make a sacrifice at the holy site. They were forced to respect the solemnity of this vow, although otherwise suspicious of any stranger setting foot in the forbidden territory. Suspicion combined with brigandage had hitherto excluded all but the native inhabitants from the fastnesses of Petra. Thus Burckhardt, though under duress and not daring to satisfy his intense curiosity at the vast prospect that opened before his eyes, was able to conclude that this was indeed Petra, referred to by such ancient writers as Strabo.

The region is that of Biblical Edom, known now as the Wadi Musa (Moses) and watered by the spring of Ain Musa, one of several candidates for the original spring that gushed when Moses struck the rock. The village of El Ji climbs the eastern side of the valley, and from it there is not a hint of the existence of Petra, locked in the western range a mile or two off.

Who can forget the approach to Petra? A very narrow cleft, called the Siq, winding between sheer walls of rock must be followed, on foot or on horseback, for a good mile. If you rise early you will have the place to yourself, with only the cawing of ravens to keep you company in the shadowy dawn. Later in the day the Siq is full of the dust and clatter of parties of tourists on horseback. Full too, alas, of the roar and dust of vehicles rattling in and out with supplies of Pepsi and workmen on a project. Against the hideous noise of the motors must be set the relief of finding cold drinks in the most unlikely spots across Petra.

The long tunnel of the Siq, in which you can never see more than fifty yards ahead, comes to a sudden end with the vision of the Treasury. This is one of the most perfect and splendid of the monuments, a towering facade crisply sculpted in the glowing stone. Burckhardt managed to look inside it and even made a rapid sketch plan. The visitor who looks in will see what he will see a hundred times over: a huge square void. Sometimes there are niches (loculi), once or twice there will be an "altar" or a "bench," but these are insignificant compared to the vast empty chamber. Were they tombs? Were they shrines? Were they dwellings? Even these basic questions have yet to be answered satisfactorily by archaeologists.

Although inhabited since the earliest times, Petra was given its characteristic architectural face by the Nabateans. Residents of Saudi Arabia have the opportunity to visit their other masterpiece, Medain Salih, near Al-Ula. There are numerous other traces of their habitations scattered between north Arabia and north Jordan,

but Petra and Medain Salih are their most complete memorials.

The Nabateans were an Arab tribe; their script was father to Kufic, the primitive Arabic script. First mentioned by the Assyrians in the seventh century B.C., they had become a power to be reckoned with by the fourth century B.C. They flourished until about the second century A.D. when the Romans incorporated Petra into

misty Dead Sea plain far away to the north-west, and realizing that this strange place has been sought out as the haunt of men since the very earliest times and is still sought out and inhabited.

It is the natural features of Petra that stay in the minds of travellers long after the history has been forgotten. The wild coloration of the rocks is the striking of all and led Edward Lear's cook to exclaim

The reckless amount of labor expended on the monuments makes the sightseer gasp. You may climb a thousand feet to the most remote inaccessible spot, and come across a vast edifice.

their provincial government, adding characteristic embellishments such as the theatre.

The Nabateans grew rich by gaining control over the great incense route from south Arabia, Arabia Felix. Caravans passing through the comparative bottleneck of north Arabia before reaching their goals of Damascus and the Mediterranean were easily forced to pay levies to those who controlled the route. The wealth thus amassed was turned by these one-time tribes into building the astonishing cities and monuments that we see still.

The motifs they used were a mixture of Assyrian and Greco-Roman. The reckless amount of labor expended on the monuments makes the sightseer gasp. You may climb a thousand feet to the most remote, inaccessible spot, such as El Deir, and come upon a vast edifice, the result of unimaginable toil. (You will be welcomed, too, with cold drinks, enterprisingly carried up by donkey and stored in a cave.)

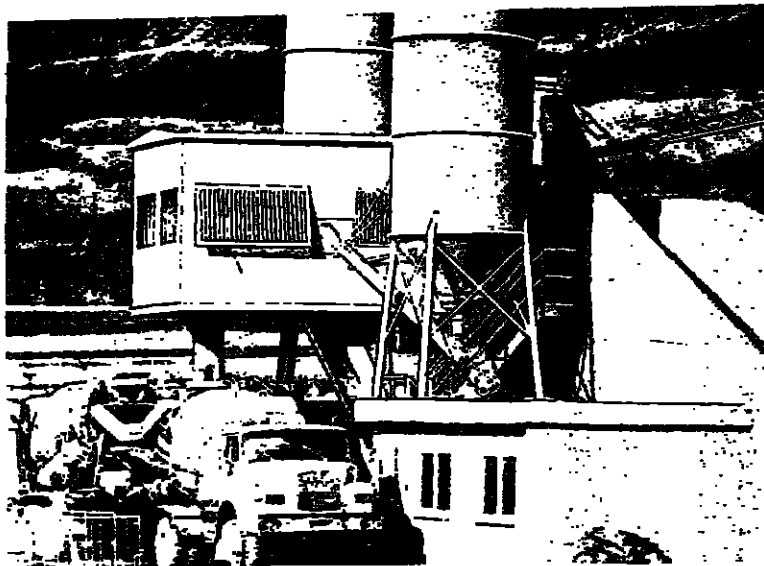
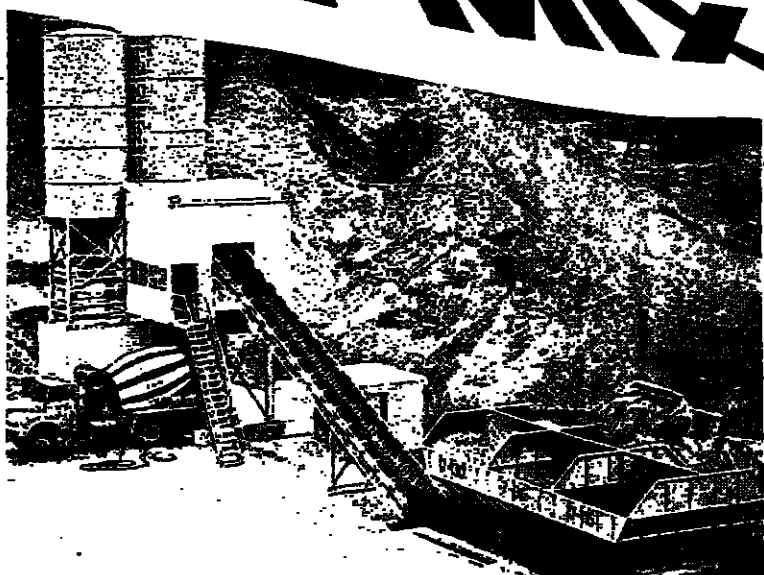
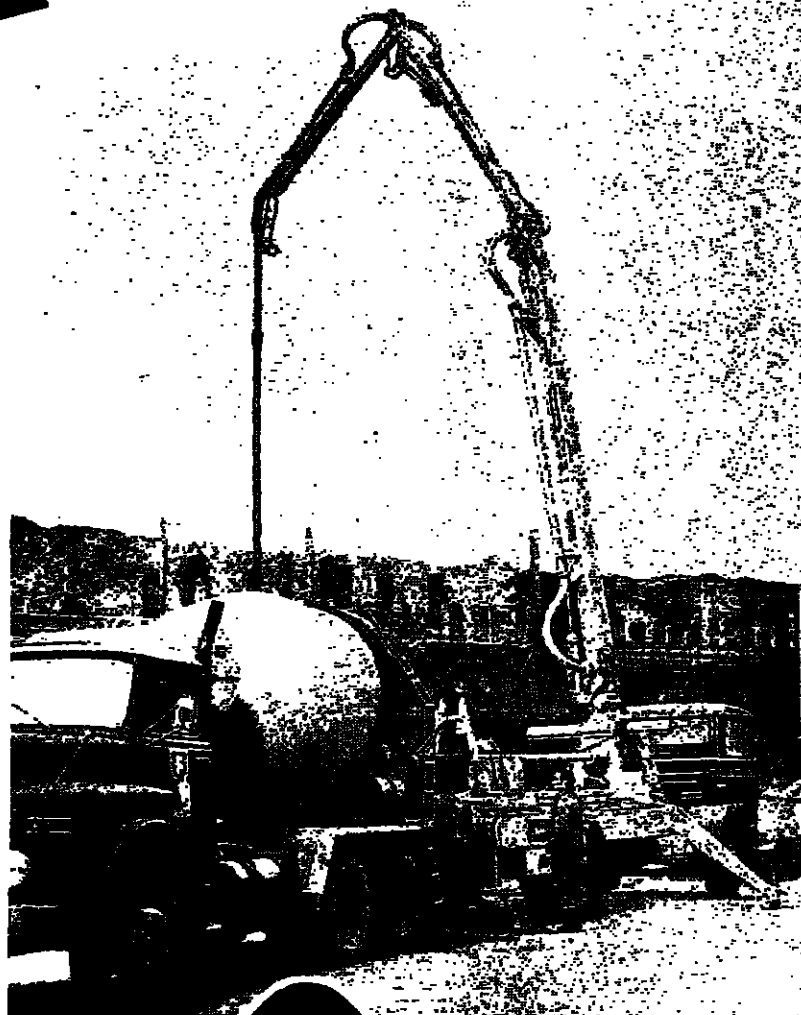
The architecture that remains at Petra is essentially facade architecture. Only one free-standing building of importance remains, the temple known as Kasr el Bint. This is now invisible under scaffolding while it is being restored. Drilling work is also in progress just opposite, so that a day in Petra is not one of romantic solitude. Indeed quite the reverse, for as well as the roar of the drills there is an abundant and noisy domestic life. Several dozen Bedouin households make their homes here, as they have done since time immemorial, and with their animals and children greatly enliven the atmosphere. There is awe in standing upon a mountain top, the High Place for instance, gazing at the stupendous formations of crags and peaks, with Aaron's tomb glistening white on its pinnacle to the south and the

always fresh. Add to this a lush growth of clover and juniper and wild flowers wherever enough soil has gathered between the rocks, with a darting, fluting population of birds, and you have fascination enough even without the treasures of archaeology.

Many tourists try to "do" Petra in as little as half a day, cramming it into a packed program of most of Jordan's sights. Petra is too good a plum to be gobbled so rapaciously. The longer walks, the stiff climbs are so well worthwhile, the beauty of the place so unique that visitors should try to spend at least a day and a half. The Government Rest-House provides a most convenient base, and guests will be amused to find themselves taking meals in a cavernous tomb which has been incorporated into the hotel. Excellent roads now link Petra to Aqaba in the south and Amman in the north. The slower and more picturesque road to Amman is known as the King's Highway, as distinguished from the Desert Highway which is fast but monotonous. The former is worth taking for the spectacular scenery and the chance to visit Crusader castles such as Shobak and Kerak, and to see the mosaics at Madaba and Mount Nebo. The most useful guides are *The Antiquities of Jordan* by Lankaster Harding (available in Amman), and the *Blue Guide* on the Middle East.

Bedu children at Petra with the tombs beyond

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A long, tough haul for Afghanistan's revolution

By Colin Smith

KABUL — A victorious battalion of slogan-shouting, flag-waving Uzbek soldiers, a couple wearing grubby bandages round head wounds, drove into Kabul last week to a varied reception from its citizens.

Most waved and cheered as police ordered traffic into the kerb to make way for the Soviet armoured personnel carriers and trucks. Other onlookers were less demonstrative. Some elderly turbaned men with red, henna-dyed beards stared silently with what was either sheer stupefaction or something else.

A taxi driver made a face which might not have been entirely to do with his annoyance at being kept waiting.

There is little doubt that the Marxist regime of Hafizullah Amin has fought an immensely successful autumn campaign against rebel tribesmen in Paktia province along the border with Pakistan.

At least 40,000 of the badly organized and poorly armed rebels have sought sanctuary on the other side of the Durand Line, swelling the number of Afghan refugees in Pakistan to around quarter-of-a-million. Many came across the mountainous frontier with tales of the havoc wrought by armoured Russian helicopter gunships impervious for this first major success against the rebels, who have been fighting the Marxists in the name of Islam for more than a year.

There are at least 1,500 Red Army advisers in the country, and for the first time the regime appears to have heeded Russian advice and tempered force with persuasion. There are reliable reports of clans and even entire tribes being bought off, of the introduction of psychological warfare in the manner of the British frontier campaigns of the 1920s and 1930s with pamphlets dropped warning villagers that their homes would be bombed if they harboured rebels.

Comrade Amin, general secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, president of the Revolutionary Council and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic,

is not, however, a man to go into detail on tactical matters.

He answers questions in the English he had learned at Columbia University, but in a style that owed more to some very old-fashioned Marxist-Leninist rhetoric.

"It is true that our people have reacted to the interventionist and reactionary elements very strong," he said. "And this was the reaction of the working people of Afghanistan, particularly Paktia province."

"Wherever the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan reached they were welcomed and they were warmly received by the people, who were giving strong blows to the enemies of the revolution."

To explain the inner workings of Afghan tribesmen in terms of class struggle and other jargon derived from the proletarian struggle of nineteenth century Europe seems a slavish devotion to the ceremonial dress of Marxism.

Amin's remarks about the brotherly love Afghanis possess for the Soviet people also ring hollow in the bazaar, where poorly paid Russians are seen as no substitute for the missing Western tourists.

There is so much red bunting in Kabul that some government buildings look as though they have been gift-wrapped. There's more Marxist window-dressing at the airport, where a banner says: "Welcome to the new-model revolution."

From the airport lounge it is possible to watch the ungainly Russian helicopters in their camouflage paint, stubby little dodo's wings laden with guns and rockets, plus a heavy cannon in a bulbous front turret below the pilot, taking the revolution to the people.

But Amin is no stooge. His amiable schoolmaster's exterior masks a steely and stubborn character who would hardly be the Kremlin's or anybody else's first choice as a puppet.

Before President Mohammed Daoud and his family were killed in April last year it was Amin's task to try to subvert the army on behalf of the

clandestine Communists. Remarkably, he succeeded.

During the last days before the uprising against Daoud he was the only senior member of the party still at liberty. He seized the opportunity to order the troops he had won over into action before his comrades faced the firing squad.

Among those he rescued was Nur Muhammad Taraki who had the patronage of the Russians and became President, while Amin bided his time as Prime Minister, gathering around him a clique of loyal followers.

Matters came to a head on September 14, when three army officers, one of them the commander of the armoured unit which had disposed of Daoud's loyal troops, were sacked from cabinet positions. They went to Taraki to complain and Russian Ambassador Alexander Buzanov, the doyen of the diplomatic corps in Kabul, was called in to mediate.

Exactly how subsequent events unfolded is still not clear, but it seems that Buzanov persuaded Amin over the telephone that no harm would come to him if he went to the People's House for talks.

When he arrived, Taraki's men open fired and one of Amin's bodyguards was shot dead. Amin returned with a larger force and Taraki was either killed in the gun battle that followed or taken prisoner and summarily executed. Buzanov disappeared into the Russian Embassy, where it is thought he gave sanctuary to the three sacked officers.

The officers, together with six other senior dissidents from the People's Democratic Party, are now in Eastern Europe, where it is thought the Soviets are grooming them as a workable alternative in case anything goes seriously wrong with Amin.

Meanwhile they have obviously decided to come to terms with the new ruler. Buzanov, who lived in Afghanistan for seven years and is probably the Kremlin's leading expert on the country, has been withdrawn and replaced by Fikryat Tabeyev, who since 1960 has been the Communist Party chief in the Tartar Republic.

Amin in turn has adopted a more compromising manner more likely to achieve the sort of stability in

A British treasure hunt

By Barty Phillips

LONDON —

In less than two months, a children's book called *Masquerade* has become a runaway publishing success with almost a quarter of a million hardback copies in print.

Who is the author of this fantastic book and what is the secret of its success?

His name is Kit Williams and he does not think of himself as an author at all. He is a painter, so obviously his illustrations are a large factor in the book's success.

However, the other is a master stroke, and the reason why adults and children rush out by the thousands to buy the book. For it is not just a story, it is a treasure hunt.

It is about a messenger who carries a love token from the moon to the sun and loses it on the way. Kit Williams made the token out of gold and precious stones and has hidden it somewhere in England.

It is worth \$10,000 and he who finds it keeps it. In the last two months hundreds of people have been digging up the English countryside to try to find it using clues and riddles with which the book bristles.

Kit Williams' paintings are nearly all of country scenes. He concentrates on exquisitely detailed and observed objects: hedgerows, blades of grass, wild flowers, small wild animals like field mice and hares from the Gloucestershire countryside where he lives. All his pictures include objects from his own life, faces of people he knows, toys and games belonging to daughter Polly, age two.

He has never had art training and joined the Navy when he left school, working for four years as an electronics engineer. After that he got jobs in factories. At first quite responsible ones, but gradually the jobs got grubbier and grubbier because I found otherwise all my "think" was used up and I had no energy left for my painting in the evening.

He has never failed to sell a painting. The idea of doing a book would never have occurred to him if Tom Maschler from Jonathan Cape, his London publisher, had not visited one of his exhibitions and suggested it. His immediate reaction was to say no. "I didn't see how I could do it because it would take two or three years just illustrating one story. It would get too tedious."

But the idea took hold. "First I had to work out where to bury the jewel and invent a riddle as a clue. Then I spent the next three years obscuring it. He encouraged himself in a stone shed at the back of his

tiny Gloucestershire cottage, with a view of beech trees on the escarpment opposite, and more or less stayed there until the book was finished.

He worked on Christmas days, on Boxing day, even on the Queen's Jubilee day, when he incorporated a tea caddy into one of his paintings which had a picture of the Queen on it.

"I couldn't stop working because I was afraid money would run out. But there wasn't a single day when I thought it boring." There was no heating, the shed and he insulated it with polythene, wrapped himself up warm. "If the book had come out right I might never have emerged."

He wrote the story after all the paintings were finished and then he made the treasure, a gold bar. He and only one other person know where it is.

All the paintings were on wood. There was an exhibition of them at the time of publication and were sold for between \$6,000 and \$10,000 each.

The book is being translated into French. Publishers were so enthusiastic they accepted pictures with the English words and anagrams in borders: each picture has its own border and a has a message.

There is talk of turning it into an opera — not that, the music is already being composed. "It's exciting to hear one's ideas, which are visual, being transformed into music as well."

All over England avid treasure seekers are going up the grounds of old mansions, dragging lawns and ponds and rooting about in private gardens convinced they have the answer to the mystery. The golden hare will be theirs. One stately house with an exhibition of toys has found this success it has put up a notice directing hunters nearby village.

Kit himself gets most pleasure from the child. "They become so convinced. I hear them giggle and they are too shy to speak. 'Karen wants to something to you.' 'No I don't.' 'We've found a club to find that jewel.'"

Since the treasure is buried in England, you wonder what appeal the book has to people in other countries. Apart from the obvious attraction of exquisite paintings and a story that stands up on its own right, it seems that a foreigner can afford to approach the treasure hunt in a leisurely way. Kit Williams has hidden the treasure so well that he has disguised the hiding place so well that though he hopes the hare will be found one day, it may not be for two or three hundred years.

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A DAY OF SADNESS

Yesterday was the day of anger. Today the day of sadness for the deed and gratitude for its elimination. The Holy Kaaba is saved, by God's grace, from those who tried to desecrate it.

Yesterday's news was beyond belief. In Islam's long history, and in the long history of the wars waged against it by its enemies, few incidents can compare with yesterday's attack in vilence.

Muslims have to be on their guard. Islamic countries everywhere are under attack. The attack in Mecca shows the threat most clearly. The Israelis, when attacking and capturing the Second Sanctuary, aimed at precisely what yesterday's attackers aimed at. To challenge Islam and show their contempt for it. Now the First and Holiest Sanctuary has been subjected to insult.

For months now, there were reports of conspiracies. Provocations abounded, money was distributed, arms smuggled, renegades and atheists recruited. But in the end, the Saudi Arabian government showed its ability to discharge its duty towards the Holy Sanctuary. Anger at the deluded souls that perpetrated the deed was mixed with admiration at the swiftness and resolution of the reaction.

The Saudi government certainly did not need the test. But as it showed itself equal to it when it came, all the enemies of Islam became doubly warned. The swiftest, severest retribution awaits them.

THE LEBANESE POSITION

The Tunis Summit started its deliberations with the problem of South Lebanon rather than the general problem of peace in the Middle East. This demonstrates the urgency of the Lebanese crisis as well the realization that hammering out a united Arab stand towards it will not be an easy task.

Since the Lebanese crisis is part of the general crisis of the Middle East, it would have seemed logical for the summit to deal with the general Arab strategy in the struggle for a just and comprehensive peace in which the dangerous limitation of the Camp David peace is transcended. But the Lebanese government pressed for an immediate debate.

One could understand the Lebanese position, given the horrific combination of a devastating civil war and external aggression which the country is still being forced to endure. But there is also justice in the view that the Lebanese government is demanding what the Arab leadership cannot as yet deliver.

The element of justice in the position of the Sarkis administration is clear. The country could not be left to the brunt of Israeli aggression alone. But then the official Lebanese view turns unrealistic when it demands that the country is completely isolated from the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Lebanon cannot exist in a vacuum. And if it has to be admitted that external factors contributed to its tragedy it is by no means true that there were no internal, purely Lebanese factors which played their part. All actors in the tragic conflict there have to realize the intimate links between the general situation in the Middle East and the internal Lebanese situation.

This means that all of them have to recognize a higher interest, that of the Arab side as a whole, to which they have to sacrifice at least part of what they take to be their full due. This goes for the Palestinians as well as for the Lebanese. The former have to see that Lebanon is not simply a spring board for them in their just fight. The latter must realize that the Palestinians are not there by design, and that the fight they are conducting concerns the Arab world as a whole.

saudi press review

Friday's newspapers led with the arrest of most of the deviators who had attacked the Holy Haram in Mecca and said that leaders of the Islamic world have severely condemned the assault on the House of God. In a lead story, *Al-Nadwa* said the Tunis summit has reaffirmed the strategy of confronting the challenge and succeeded in solving the Lebanese problem.

Newspapers gave front-page treatment to the incident of the Holy Haram and the deliberation of the summit conference of Tunis. They also reported that Iran has placed its forces on the alert and many detainees in Afghanistan have been put to death by the Communist regime there.

They also frontpaged Interior Minister Prince Naif's announcement that the situation was under complete control in Mecca and that the United States, Iran or any other state were not connected with the incident. The newspapers continued to condemn the attack on the sanctity of the Holy Haram by a group of deviators, and said the resentment and anger that engulfed the Islamic world provided testimony to the fact that the Islamic world held fast to its sublime faith. *Al-Madina* praised the way in which Saudi officials were dealing with the situation and said "the security forces tackled the matter with great foresight, being anxious to save the lives of innocent Muslims present inside the mosque

and also to respect the sanctity of this most sacred place of Islam. The government will continue to act with prudence so that it reaches its sublime goals," it added.

Okaz said "the whole Islamic world was bewildered at this dastardly act of the deviators who attempted to stop the voice of righteousness from carrying out its eternal message. While we believe that the plot will come to end soon, we are fully aware that the responsible security officials will enforce the word of God on them so that they provide a lesson to those who attempt to desecrate the sacred places."

The paper hoped everything will get settled with the help of God and the banner of Islam will fly aloft despite those elements who attempt to suppress the voice of right and justice. It said "we consider the Holy Kaaba as the source of peace and stability to the Muslims", and added that "the sincere men who consider the protection of the House of God as a religious obligation will bring the matter to agreeable end, despite all the difficulties they may have to face."

"Such acts will never deter the country's leadership from carrying forward the message of the unity of God, and will defend the House of God and all other sacred shrines of Islam with sincerity and devotion." *Al-Jazira* said editorially that "what made the matter more deplorable was that this group of deviators lost all their morals by deciding to persist in their evil act and detaining all those who came to perform their prayers. These worshippers have committed no crimes; they came to the Holy Haram to perform a religious duty but fell a prey to the wild and inhuman acts of the deviators," it said. "It is, indeed, very sad that this misled gang should have turned the House of God in a prison for Muslims and a place of terror and lawlessness," the paper added.

The paper wanted the criminals to know that death in the Holy Haram will be considered as (eternal) life and the Muslims will never hesitate to sacrifice their lives for the sake of their religion. "In the end, this gang will have to reach its inevitable destiny, condemned by God and His worshippers", the paper said.

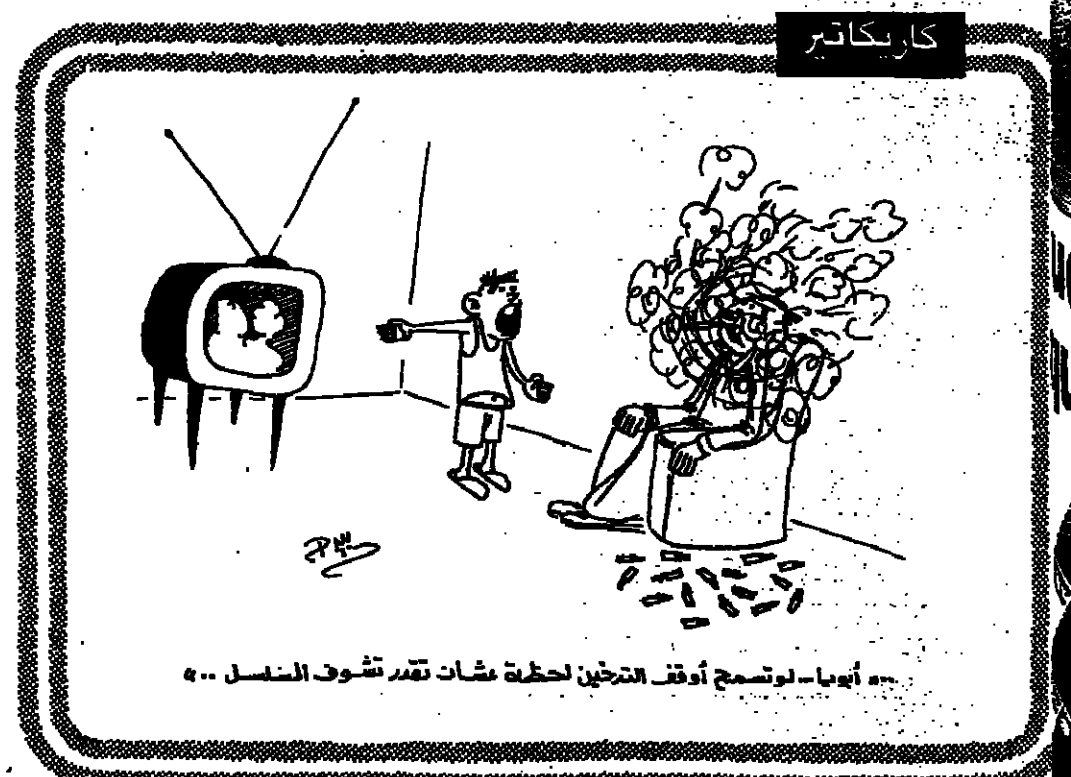
Dealing with the same subject, *Okaz* said that the condemnation by the leaders of Islamic states of this ignoble act at the Holy Haram was a reassuring proof that the whole Islamic nation reacted as one man to this incident. It demonstrated its full solidarity in the real sense of the word, as the matter affected the core of the nation and the place to which the Muslims of the world direct themselves for their daily prayers.

"This incident will further enhance the determination of the government to be still more resolute in protecting the Islamic sanctities." The paper said "it was possible to end everything within minutes, but the state's responsibility toward the Muslims and the consideration of sanctity of the House of God stopped it from nipping the evil in the bud. The

matter is therefore being dealt with objectively without any attachment of sentiments, so that the lives of innocent worshippers can be saved."

"The wave of sympathy and interaction now dominating the

Islamic world demonstrates a stage of Islamic solidarity with Saudi Arabia has persisted stressed," the paper said, hoped the country's leaders will be capable of protecting the from the infiltrators.



"Dad! please stop smoking so you can see the series."

-Okaz

A South Arabian ritual

The honor and glory of the ibex hunt

By Rosalind Ingrams

'Soon he came into sight, making swift zigzag runs from one piece of cover to another, pausing to look out from each rock ... to see where his enemies lay. Whenever he moved the villagers flung a cracker or two at him ... nearly frightening the poor ibex out of his wits ...'

The "ibex" in question was a villager in Wadi Hadramaut, South Arabia, and the occasion a ritual dance witnessed by the author of a fascinating scholarly study, *South Arabian Hunt* by Professor R.B. Serjeant (Luzac, London, 1976). Professor Serjeant, who holds a chair in Arabic at Cambridge, sets out to fit together ancient and modern pieces of evidence for a long tradition of ritual ibex hunting.

The ibex, a nimble wild goat with grandly curving horns, has been regarded as a noble, if not sacred, beast since antiquity. Ibex either singly or in flocks decorated the Sabaeen and Himyaritic palaces and temples of Arabia Felix, especially at Marib. Pairs of horns still strikingly adorn certain houses in Yemen. Too attractive, y far, the animal has engaged the attention of hunters to the verge of extinction in the Peninsula.

Conservationists however should take heart from two recently reported sightings: one of

two or three ibex seen and photographed from the air on Harra near Medina in 1977; the other of "several" seen by Italian work-

ibex hunting which was extraordinary in its formality and ritual. Those who hunt the ibex must observe complex rules. They must

"The old man is dead," goes the triumphant shout from some mountain top to the eagerly waiting crowd below, who in their turn run with the news to the village so that preparations for rejoicing may begin.

men on the escarpment road to Jizan, 1979).

During his many sojourns in South Arabia, and through many conversations with Hadrami scholars and villagers, Professor Serjeant discovered a tradition of

set the day and ask formal permission of the headman to hunt. They must offer hospitality in honor of the forthcoming hunt. They must be "chaste of heart", and once they have tasted the coffee served just before the expedition they must not eat until the hunt is over. This latter point is particularly

important. Poets are called to celebrate the occasion in verses newly composed but adhering to traditional structure. Flutes are played and dances such as the one described above take place. If a hunter breaks any of the rules he will bring bad luck upon the hunt, and he will be brought to book afterwards before a special court.

Three cases are cited in the book of hunt disputes and the adjudication thereon.

What is the reason for these stringent conditions? Partly they are for the honor and glory of the hunt but most importantly they are binding in order to achieve a special purpose. The ritual hunting of the ibex is apparently a way of ensuring rain for the crops. A successful hunt will bring the rain, therefore every detail of procedure must be scrupulously obeyed. Clearly such rites are to be traced back to pagan times, and it was for this reason that the professor often found it difficult to pick up the trail which his scholarly instinct told him existed. The hunt has been a thing of the people, not of those "with white coats to their backs" as one of their poets put it. The hunt has on the whole been frowned on by the Establishment, and twenty years ago had either died down or gone underground. Today it has no doubt disappeared altogether.

Even in 1954 the author wrote "it is urgent to record every aspect

of the unique ancient culture of Hadramaut, for owing to the startling rate of emigration, the country is being rapidly stripped of its adult male population." How much truer those words must be in 1979.

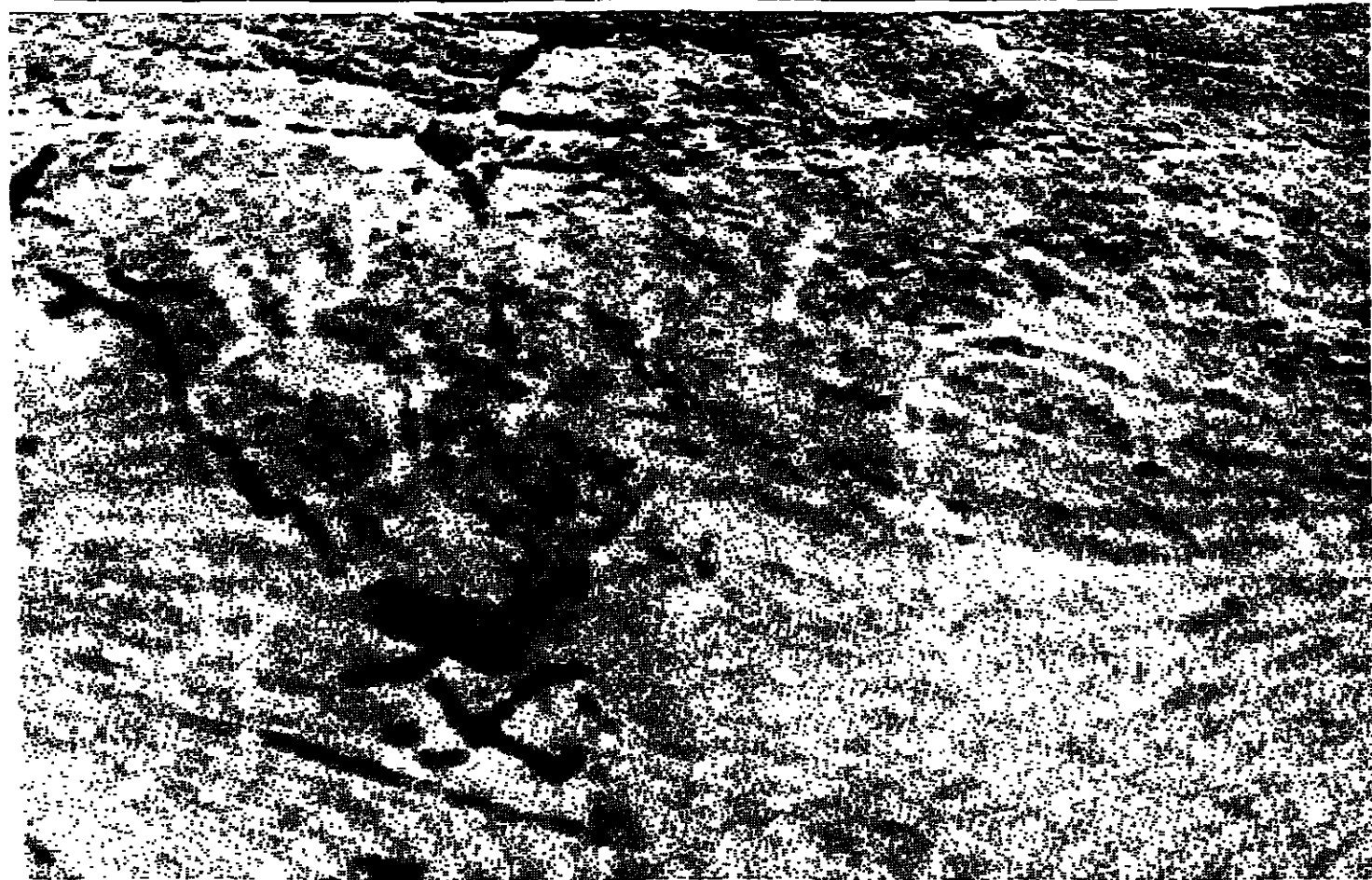
The actual hunting of the ibex is done with guns and nets and dogs. Because of his little beard the animal is called the "old man".

"The old man is dead," goes the triumphant shout from some mountain top to the eagerly waiting crowd below, who in their turn run with the news to the village so that preparations for rejoicing may begin. The meat is meticulously divided up according to the prescribed pecking order. The actual killer of the beast gets nothing; his is the glory of the day.

A wonderful brass lamp showing a hound fastening upon a leaping ibex is reproduced in the book.

Simpler and cruder representations of ibex hunting abound in the form of crude rock drawings and graffiti widespread in north and east Yemen and from as far north as Najran. It was the discovery, in the nineteen thirties of some ancient ritual inscriptions alongside graffiti that first led Professor Serjeant and other scholars to connect existing ibex hunting with the remote past.

The survival of dancing too is



Rock graffiti near Najran of an ibex hunt

very interesting, for some of the rock carvings show figures evidently dancing rather than hunting. Hunting dances are recorded near Taif in the late 1940s, performed there by the gypsy tribe of Suleybhas, famous as crafty hunters. As in the dance watched by

Professor Serjeant, the main role in the Taif dance was that of the man skilfully impersonating the hunted animal.

South Arabian Hunt records a last link with an antique world, a world now sunk for ever beneath the bland waters of homogeneity.

Primarily a work of scholarship the book is not always easy reading, but anecdotes vivid quotations abound.

A villager, from Madudah in Wadi Hadramaut, described a particularly memorable hunt as follows:

"One year this same day, the Hunt got four heads, and, passing the heat of the day at Al-Hamith they made an entry at which the smoke from the firing of rifle bullets from joy and pleasure in the success, nearly covered everyone then with shade."

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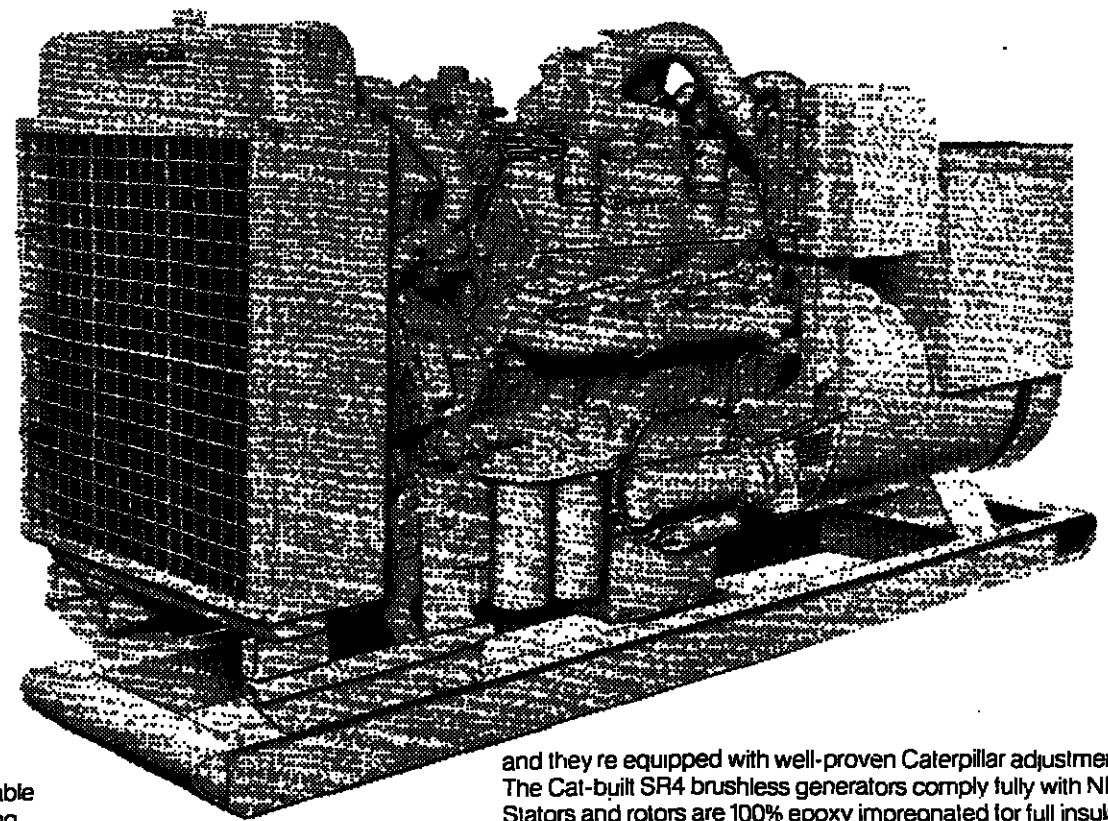
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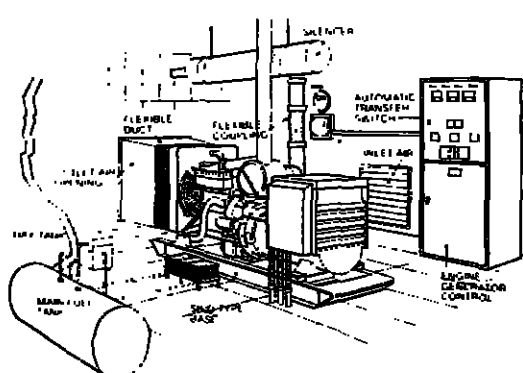
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Gromyko gives warnings

Belgium endorses missile siting

BRUSSELS, Nov. 23 (AP) — The Belgian government has publicly endorsed, for the first time, the proposal of the North Atlantic Treaty organization (NATO) to deploy 572 nuclear-armed intermediate-range missiles in Western Europe.

Foreign Minister Henri Simonet and Defense Minister Jose Desmarets said in separate statements to parliament's Defense and Foreign Affairs Committees Thursday they favor the deployment proposal coupled with an offer to Moscow to negotiate curbs on intermediate-range nuclear arms in Europe.

It was the first time the Belgian ministers officially endorsed the NATO plan to deploy the missiles. The weapons have been proposed to respond to the Soviet build-up of intermediate-range atomic weapons, including the SS-20 missile and the backfire bomber.

"There is a (military) imbalance at the expense of Western Europe," Simonet told the joint session of the committees.

Meanwhile in Bonn, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei

Gromyko held an unscheduled breakfast meeting Friday with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt as talks continued on controlling weaponry in Central Europe.

Gromyko, in Bonn for meetings in advance of next month's NATO conference, spent about an hour with Schmidt in the chancellor's private quarters before the start of formal talks in the nearby Chancellery.

Later, the Soviet minister was expected to appear before West German and foreign reporters for one of his rare press conferences.

Gromyko's visit comes a few weeks before important meetings in Brussels on the Western alliance to consider plans for deploying the U.S. missiles in Western Europe.

Since the missiles would be able to reach Soviet soil, Moscow has mounted a massive propaganda campaign aimed at convincing the West that deployment of the weapons threatens peace.

NATO officials maintain the missiles are necessary to offset Soviet superiority in medium range nuclear delivery systems.

During a dinner speech Thursday, Gromyko repeated the Soviet Union's readiness to enter into nuclear disarmament negotiations. He also warned that deployment of the missiles would threaten detente.

"Continuous competition in the field of nuclear missile armament can only serve to intensify the situation in Europe and the world," he said. "It undermines the chances for agreement in disarmament negotiations and serves to make the situation in the world even no complicated."

And as if to soften his somber predictions, Gromyko added, "As regards the Soviet Union, we have undertaken everything and will do everything that depends on us to keep the peace on this earth. That is the fundamental basis of our foreign policy. We conduct it consistently and continuously."

After Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's East Berlin offer last month to withdraw 20,000 troops and 1,000 tanks from East Germany, it was up to the West to make the next move, Gromyko said.



Henri Simonet

Snowstorm hits states in U.S. West

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (AP) — A blizzard that paralyzed much of the Western part of the United States and forced hundreds of travelers into emergency shelters has moved eastward into parts of Minnesota and Iowa.

The first blizzard of the season to reach Minnesota Thursday dumped up to 25 centimeter of snow in the southwestern part of the state, forcing dozens of motorists to abandon their cars and virtually closing a major highway.

Earlier this week the storm killed 10 persons and buried much of Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Blizzard-like conditions persisted in the Nebraska panhandle where the major East-West route remained closed in some areas.

In Sidney, Nebraska, the townspeople rustled up a Thanksgiving Day holiday dinner for about 145 travelers stranded in the National Guard armory.

In Colorado, where there were only occasional flurries on the mountain peaks Thursday, a blanket of snow covering vast areas ranged in depth up to almost one meter in the foothills north of Denver.

Blowing and drifting snow prompted the Colorado state patrol to discourage travel on mountain passes and in the plains, where the storm had frozen all forms of transportation.

But conservation plan starts

Poachers prey on Brazil jungle fauna

POCOONE, Brazil, Nov. 23 (AP) — Game warden Jose Firmo has a book on his desk at the isolated post he mans alone in Brazil's Pantanal swampland — the National Forest Code.

But the Code is pretty much of a dead letter.

Firmo is the only game warden in an area where thousands of animal pelts and crocodile skins are harvested monthly by poachers, according to government officials. The booty is carried by river launch and airplane to neighboring Bolivia.

The area is only now being surveyed by biologists in preparation for the creation of a national park here. Firmo's post site at the end of a 160-kilometer highway stretching south into the Pantanal from the county seat of POCOONE. The post is literally surrounded by crocodiles during the rainy season, and Firmo rarely sees another human being. When he does, he complains.

"I don't even have enough gas to run this Volkswagen," he says.

"I am alone here. There is little I can do against armed smugglers with high-powered launches and airplanes."

The Pantanal contains one of the largest surviving concentrations of fauna in the Americas. Formed by flooding tributaries of the Paraguay river, the vast marshland covers 160,000 square kilometers of Brazilian territory in the state of Mato Grosso.

Though the country's national parks program has expanded in recent years to cover 4 million hectares, it lacks the ability to study wilderness areas and to protect them from marauders.

The Pantanal, which becomes an enormous lake from November through March, still abounds in tapir, fox, marsh deer and Paraguayan caiman, as well as an estimated 200 species of birds including wide variety of herons, egrets and storks. Though they are fast disappearing under the guns of hunters and poachers, the area's fauna concentration is still the largest in South America, according to field biologist, Dr. George Schaller, who is performing an ecological survey of the Pantanal.

The world's largest rodent, the capybara, a semi-aquatic, herbivorous animal weighing up to 27 kilos, roams freely on Pantanal ranches and shares pasture with a resistant local breed of Zebu cattle — up to now the area's only commercial product.

Capybara meat is eaten by some rural Brazilians and in Venezuela the giant rodent is bred commercially. Agronomists there calculate that because of the animal's high rate of reproduction, it can yield up to five times as much meat per acre as beef cattle.

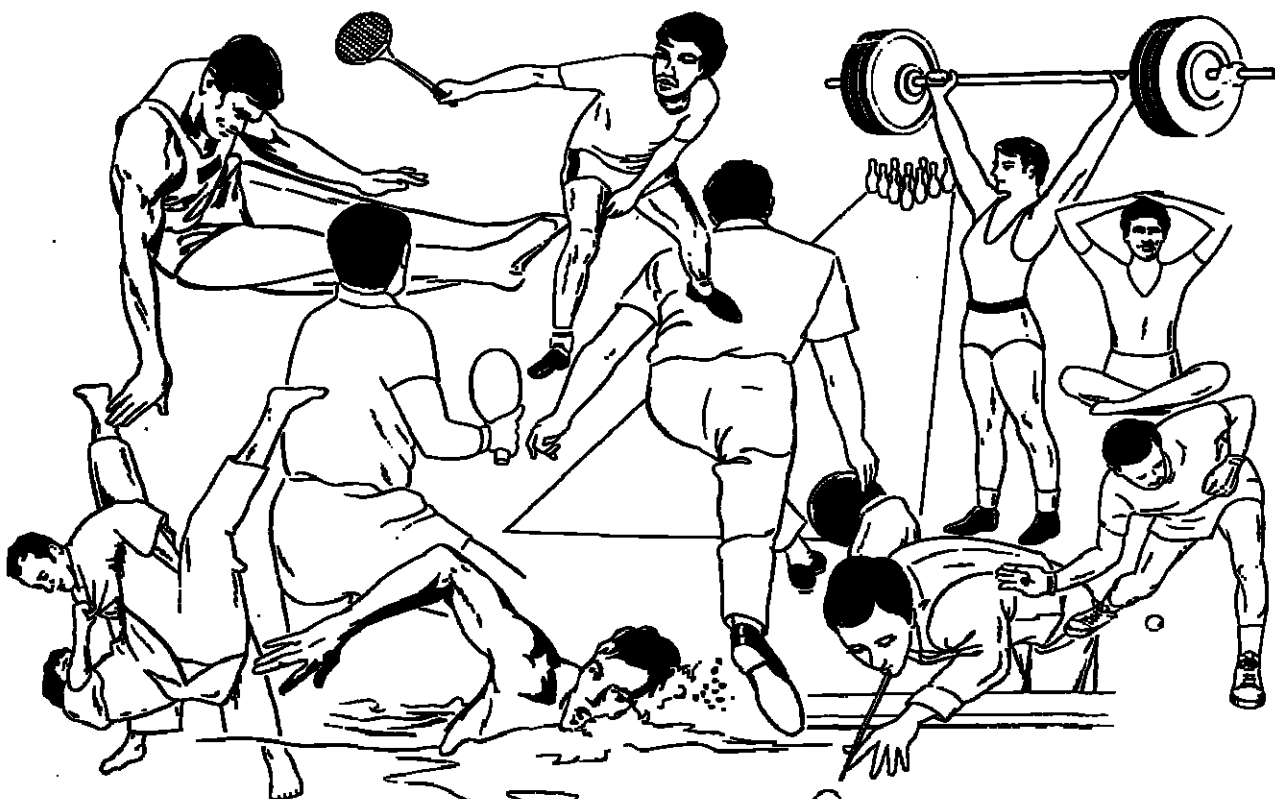
The capybara, along with the Paraguayan caiman, is one of the reasons behind a Brazilian government scheme to preserve the Pantanal and its wildlife.

"The introduction of modern agriculture to the Pantanal will upset the ecology and drive out the fauna," says Maria Tereza Jorge Padua of Brazil's National Park, Department.

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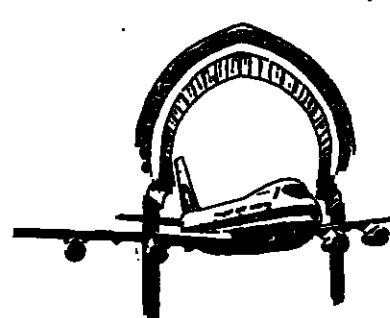


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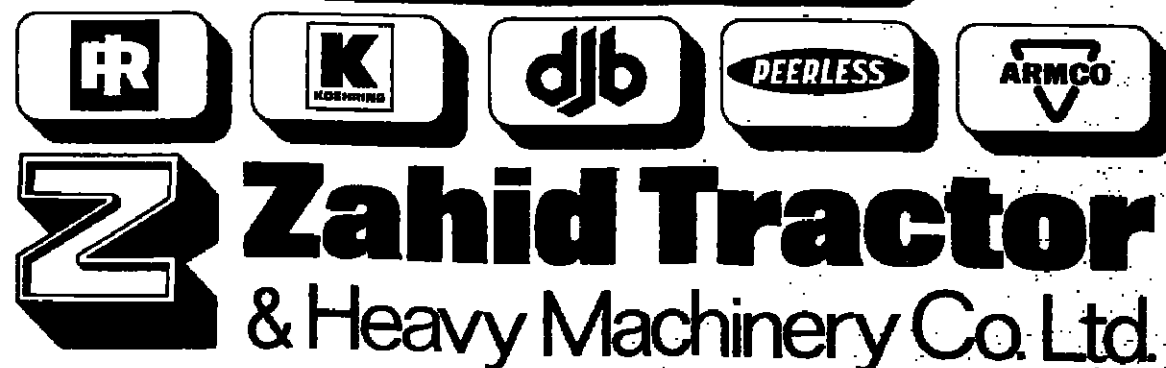
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If Vietnam invades

China pledges to help ASEAN

NILA, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — China Friday pledged to stand aid and all members of Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN) in case Vietnamese attack.

Assurance was given at a conference here by Chinese ssador Chen Xine I.

appeared designed to a similar meeting with the arrier of Vietnam's ambas- Vu Thien.

have declared that once nd is invaded by Vietnam, will stand on the side of nd and if the ASEAN coun- which also include Malaysia, ilippines, Singapore and sia) are invaded by Viet- hina will stand on the side ASEAN countries," Chen

ed if it included military aid, "included everything."

He said what was happening in Cambodia, where Vietnamese troops are supporting the Heng Samrin government, posed a threat to the Thais and the ASEAN countries.

It "poses a very dangerous threat to Thailand," he said.

Meanwhile, Xinhua news agency reported Friday that Vietnam sent three more divisions into Cambodia to intensify its offensive there against the continuing resistance by the forces of deposed Premier Pol Pot.

Quoting "Radio Kampuchea", the mouthpiece of the Pol Pot regime backed by the Peking authorities, Xinhua said that two divisions were sent to western Cambodia and the third to south-western Cambodia.

The Chinese report gave no further details.

An estimated 20 Vietnamese

divisions of some 150,000 to 180,000 men were reportedly in Cambodia to fight against the Pol Pot guerrillas with the small army of President Heng Samrin of Phnom Penh.

Low on funds

In a related development a U.N. spokesman said Friday humanitarian bodies aiding starving Cambodian refugees in Thailand are running out of money because many governments have failed to contribute funds they promised at a United Nations conference earlier month.

In a joint statement the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Red Cross Committee (ICRC) appealed to governments to honor their pledges, and asked the general public to help as well.

High mortality rate reported

ngers seen in inbreeding animals

HINGTON, Nov. 23 — Inbreeding among small animals in zoos and con- parks leads to higher ites and other complica- problem that many wild- alists have been ignoring, released study says.

chers at the National said an extensive check clearly shows a signifi- fter infant death rate inbred hoofed animals h the offspring of non- parents, according to a ublished Friday in *Science*

study has major implica- only for the management breeding programs, but conservation and wildlife s who are responsible for small populations of pecies in reserves," said e Ralls, director of the

isenberg, acting director Smithsonian Institution his organization's study roably are applicable to es of animals as well, with lar importance to red species.

problem of inbreeding is e that has suddenly resur- isenberg said in an inter- rom 1909 to 1921, the is filled with analyses of ers of inbreeding, but the has lain dormant for a

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cepticism is caused by the of a few very successful bred species, such as the

Pere David's Deer, a general ignorance of inbreeding problems and poor record keeping that makes the adverse effects hard to spot, the report said.

The researchers studied birth, death and breeding records of 16 species of hoofed animals, including Indian elephant, Zebra, pygmy hippopotamus, giraffe and four species of deer and eight of antelope.

"Inbred young had a higher mortality in 15 of 16 species, which suggests that increased juvenile mortality in inbred young is a general phenomenon in ungulates (hoofed animals)," the study said.

Eisenberg said that though infant mortality is a useful indi-

Soviet 'Concorde' makes comeback after problems

LONDON, Nov. 23 (OFNS) — Russia's supersonic airliner, the Tupolev Tu-144 'Kondorski', which Western experts thought had been scrapped, is flying again.

The Soviet Union has tested a new version, the Tu-144D, fitted with newly designed engines. These are more efficient than those of the earlier aircraft, increasing range by about 70 per cent.

The aircraft can now fly as far as the Anglo-French Concorde and has enough range for the transcontinental domestic routes for which it was designed.

Test flights of the original Tu-144, which had a range of barely 2,000 miles with a full payload, were stopped when a Tu-144 crashed on test flight last May, killing its crew. The aircraft may have been an early Tu-144D. Another Tu-144 crashed at the Paris air show in 1973, and it is

thought that another prototype was wrecked early in the test program.

The Tu-144D's engines have been developed by the Kolesov design team, which built engines for Russia's first supersonic bombers. Until recently the team was unknown in the West. The new engines are pure jets, like the Concorde's; the earlier Tu-144s were fitted with bypass engines which were more efficient at low speeds and needed after-burning to push the aircraft to its intended cruising speed.

There is no sign of when the Tu-144D will be put into service. However, the news that the Soviet Union is pressing ahead with development of its SST reopens the possibility of supersonic flights from Europe across Russia to Japan, as proposed by Air France some years ago.

At party congress

Ceausescu rule criticized

BUCHAREST, Nov. 23 (R) — An elderly former Communist official Friday publicly opposed the re-election of Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu from the floor of the Communist party congress, an unprecedented event.

Constantin Pirvulescu, 83, a member of the party leadership until 1960, rose at the end of the morning session, accused the Ceausescu of being undemocratic and called for changes.

He told the hushed assembly that he had earlier applied for permission to address the congress, but this had been rejected, and he asked for the right to speak.

When this was granted by Ceausescu, the elderly former Politburo member rose to his feet

and accused the president of putting personal interests before those of the country. He added he would not vote for the Romanian leader's re-election.

The outburst came on the final day of the 12th party congress during which Ceausescu was expected to be re-elected unanimously for a further five-year term.

Pirvulescu said the congress was nothing but a gathering of people fighting for the party leader's re-election and had glossed over the country's problems.

Former Foreign Minister George Macoveanu, a member of the party's central committee, had a heated exchange with Pirvulescu, accusing him of betraying the party and of being out of touch with the present.

Ceausescu said it was up to the



President Ceausescu

congress to decide whether or not he should be re-elected.

Several delegates shouted protests against Pirvulescu's statement from the back of the congress hall in central Bucharest.

There was no doubt that Ceausescu, who came to power in 1965, would be re-elected to a further five-year term Friday.

Leftist guerrilla trial started in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia, Nov. 23 (AP) — With several of the defendants shouting "torturers and murderers cannot judge us," a trial of 219 alleged leftist guerrillas has opened here.

The trial, labeled "Colombia's martial court of the century", started Wednesday in the chapel of Bogota's prison under tight security measures.

Among the defendants included several former congressmen, a former member of the military court and three Uruguayans suspected of being members of the Tupamaros, a radical group active in their country some years ago.

Fifty-three of the 219 charged with terrorist and guerrilla activities in Colombia will be tried in absentia.

As those in custody — men and women arrested several months ago — were brought in several of them embraced. Some had not seen each other for months.

As the alleged urban guerrillas were reunited they started to chant the national anthem, and shouted "down with the martial court" and "long live the M-19" — short for 19 of April movement, as their leftist guerrilla organization is called.

Flood death toll hits 138 in India

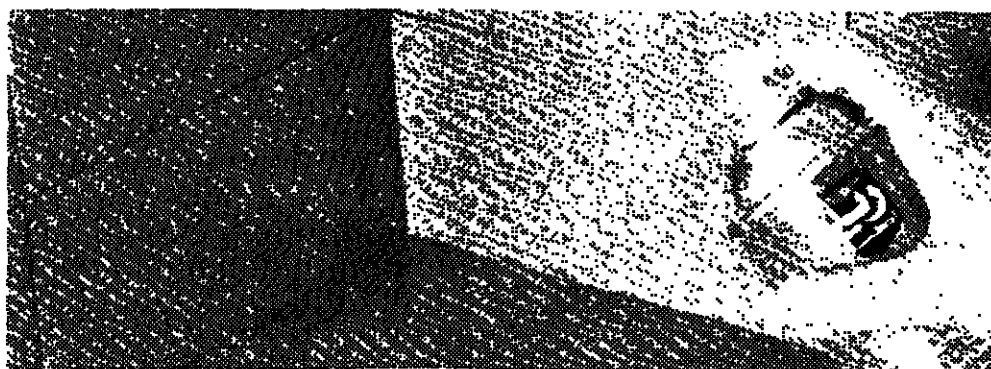
NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 (AP) — The death toll in two weeks of floods in Tamil Nadu state, southern India, rose to 138 Friday with 46 more deaths reported.

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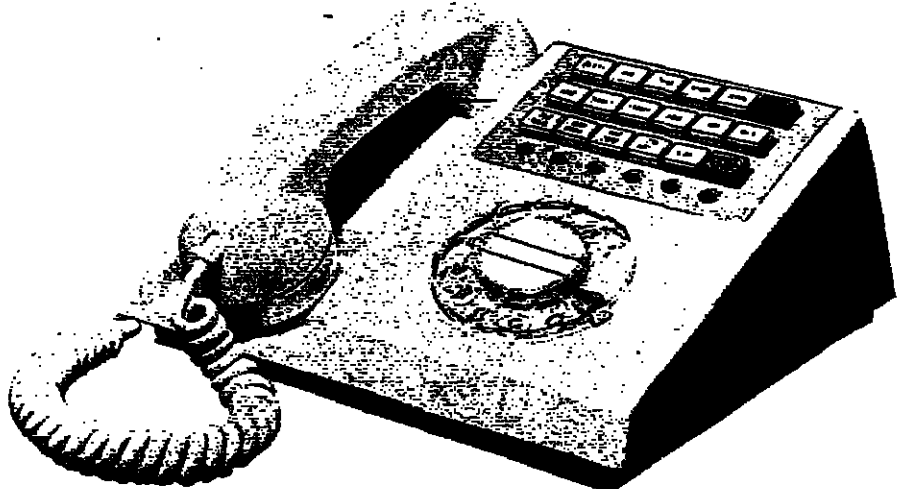
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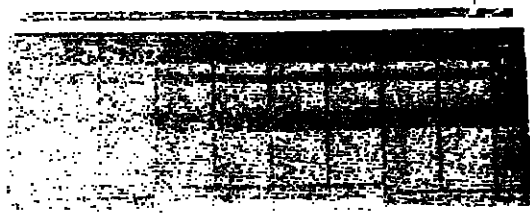
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Plans for summit

OPEC panel ends session

VIENNA, Nov. 23 (AP) — The Economic Commission of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has ended 10 days of negotiations during which it prepared a report for the oil ministers conference in Caracas next month.

An OPEC spokesman Thursday said all 13 member countries were represented, but that he could reveal no other details.

Observers believed that one of the commission's main tasks was to prepare the necessary documentation for a price boost in oil.

Humberto Calderon Berti, Venezuela's Minister of Energy and Mines, more or less confirmed this Wednesday when he said there would be a price increase

announced in the Caracas meeting of the oil ministers. He did not say by how much, though.

Although the percentage of the price boost remained anybody's guess, some analysts put it at 10 per cent.

The present official price is \$23.50 a barrel, but a number of OPEC countries in recent months broke this ceiling.

Calderon Berti said this confused situation created by the many different oil prices and measures to control the spot market will be a big problem of the ministerial conference.

Other issues on the agenda of the Economic Commission probably dealt with the developments on the international crude oil

market, the production policies of OPEC countries and the situation on the spot markets.

The Economic Commission is a senior advisory group, consisting of economists and financial experts from member countries, but has no authority to do more than make recommendations, officials said.

India to ask Mexico for \$80 oil supply

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 (R) — Indian Petroleum Minister Bala Pajnor will leave next week for Mexico and Venezuela to seek crude oil supplies for 1980, an official said Friday.

India will need to import about 18 million tons of crude and four million tons of refined products but is having difficulty in obtaining supply commitments because of decisions in several countries to reduce production.

Pajnor's visit will be the first Indian effort to buy oil from Latin America. Apart from the Soviet Union, India's traditional suppliers are all in the Middle East.

The official said prices on the spot market were so much higher than in government-negotiated deals that it was worth paying the high freight charge that would be levied on crude oil bought on contract in Latin America.

Pajnor recently visited Abu Dhabi for crude supplies and was told India's request for at least 1.5 million tons, the quantity Abu Dhabi supplies in 1979, would be considered.

The Indian government said recently it had asked Mexico, Venezuela, Nigeria, Indonesia and China for oil.

A Chinese trade delegation, which visited India earlier this month, said China's crude exports were committed and it could consider India's request only in the long term.

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Pound Sterling	7.32	7.32	7.32
Deutsche Mark (100)	191.00	192.50	192.50
Swiss F (100)	205.00	206.50	206.50
French F (100)	82.00	82.25	82.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	41.20	41.20
Lebanese Lira (100)		99.00	99.00
Syrian Lira (100)		78.25	78.25
Egyptian Pound		3.60	3.60
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.15	12.15
Jordanian Dinar		11.25	11.25
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.50	89.70
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.00	90.80
Bahraini Dinar		4.00	3.94
Iranian Riyal (100)		26.00	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		7.25	74.10
Yemeni Riyal (100)		8.00	35.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)		—	42.10
Indian Rupee (100)		—	34.35
Pakistani Rupee (100)		43.20/44	—
Gold kg.		5,055.00	—
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Silver kg.		—	14.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.50	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.86	3.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	118.00	113.00	172.50
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	171.00	172.50	51.50
Spanish Peso	—	21.25	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	80.00	46.00
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	1.57
Singapore	—	—	—

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Chinese hike oil price

TOKYO, Nov. 23 (AP) — The import price of Chinese crude has been increased by 11.24 per cent to \$24.25 a barrel, Japanese industry sources said Friday.

China is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Oil sources here noted that the new price compares with OPEC's ceiling price of \$23.5 a barrel.

Japan is to import 7.64 million tons of crude from China a year, about three percent of Japan's total crude imports.

Iranian reserves termed good

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP) — Iran's Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar said Thursday that Iran's reserves of oil products "extremely good".

His comments were quoted by Tehran Radio in a broadcast monitored here.

Moinefar reportedly said gasoline stocks, which were about million liters last month, have increased to about 170 million liters. Paraffin and diesel reserves had also increased in the past month despite winter consumption, he said.

Strike causes Irish bank run

DUBLIN, Ireland, Nov. 23 (AP) — Bank branches in the Republic ran out of money Thursday when anxious customers drew their cash in a scare over a possible shutdown by clerical labor dispute.

Some branches closed temporarily to get hold of more money than \$200 million was withdrawn, said spokesmen for the main banks. They said their branches will be closed to customers Friday to see how things stand.

The rush followed speculation that the banks will be forced by a clerical ban on transactions involving British currency.

LADEN: The Liberian oil tanker Olympic Alliance shown gliding through the Straits of Hormuz recently, decks almost awash because of its heavy load of Gulf crude. Meanwhile, members of OPEC's planning committee in Vienna have wrapped up their meeting in preparation for next month's summit meeting in Caracas, Venezuela.

Gas contract let

LONDON, Nov. 23 (R) — The British engineering firm William Press has won a \$110 million contract to install a domestic gas supply system in Cairo, the company has said.

Work is to begin immediately on the design and installation of a pipeline to carry natural gas from the Abu el Gharadig field 250 kilometers west of Cairo and on a distribution network to supply 160,000 homes in the city's suburbs.

The work, scheduled for completion in four years, is the first phase of a program to convert houses in Cairo and elsewhere to natural gas from imported bottled gas.

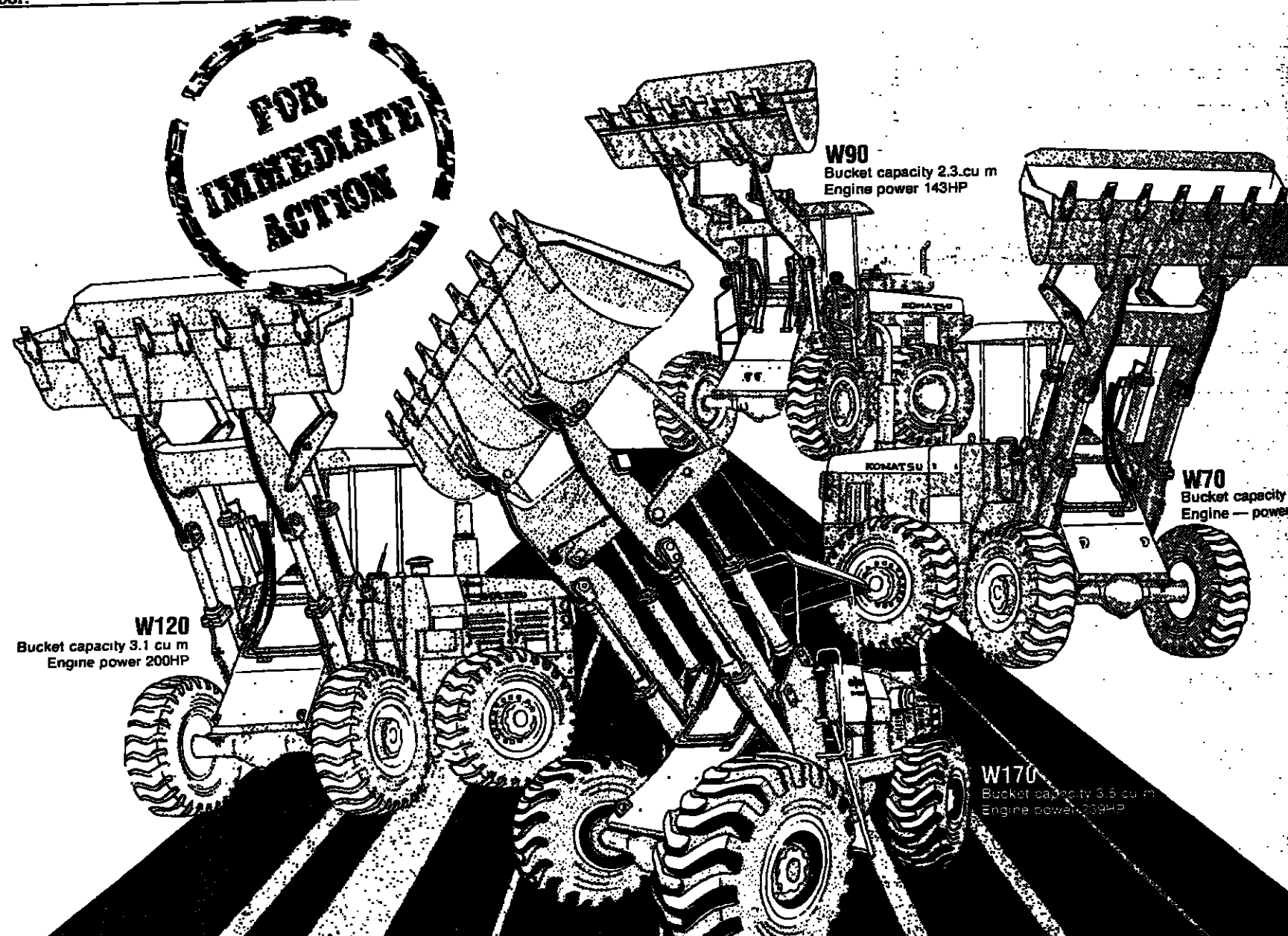
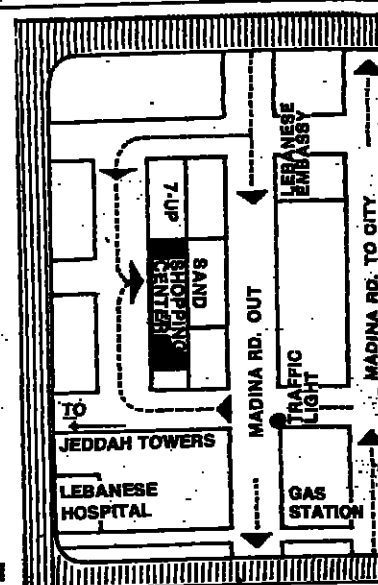
William Press Thursday said it will make extensive use of local labor.



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French Franc	1.2970	1.2970	1.2970
German Mark	1.2970	1.2970	1.2970
Japanese Yen	1.2970	1.2970	1.2970
Swiss Franc	1.2970	1.2970	1.2970
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Underwood spin takes 8 to save England's honor

ADELAIDE, Nov. 23 (R) — England's left arm spinner Derek Underwood took eight for 41 here Friday to restore the touring side's pride on the second day of their four day match against the Combined Universities.

At close of play England were 80 for one in their second innings after Underwood's effort helped to dismiss the university team for 168 in reply to England's first innings total of 179.

During a day of incidents England opening batsman Geoff Boycott was felled by a bumper and forced to retire, hurt, in the second over of their second innings.

The university team resumed this morning at four for nine and after losing a quick wicket looked to be on the way to further embarrassing the England team until Underwood was brought into the attack.

Underwood took three wickets in seven balls shortly before lunch and the young university side never really recovered from the blow.

In Devonport, Tasmania, Viv Richards and Alvin Kallicharan took the West Indies to a first innings total of 374 in their match against an Invitation XI Friday with a stirring third wicket partnership of 241.

England beats Bulgarians in Europe soccer

LONDON, Nov. 23 (R) — England, which had already clinched victory in the European Football Championship qualifying Group One, defeated Bulgaria 2-0 here Thursday night.

The game was postponed from Wednesday night because of fog. The score at half time was 1-0, with scorers Dave Watson (9th minute) and Glenn Hoddle (70th).

In Bern, the European Football Union announced Thursday draws for the quarter-finals of the three main European club soccer tournaments — the European Cup, Cup Winners' Cup and the European Football Union (UEFA) cup — will be made in Rome next January 11.

to 302 in only 156 minutes. The apparent ease with which the pair scored contrasted markedly with the rest of their side, none of whom managed more than 25.

Richards' 127 was scored despite a nagging groin injury, and when he stepped casually down the wicket to be stumped by John Bell off the bowling of Blai Campbell he seemed almost to give his wicket away.

Smid through to quarters in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 23 (AP) — Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia beat Chris Lewis of New Zealand 6-3, 6-4 Thursday in a fast-paced match to reach the quarterfinals of the Argentine Open tennis tournament.

The methodical Czech took the lead in each set, and the more agile New Zealander fought back to give spectators at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club their best show of the day. Lewis scored frequently with passing shots, but gave his rival too many openings for powerful smashes.

First-seeded Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina, the defending champion, played a baseline game to prevent West Germany's Rolf Gehring from beating him with passing shots, and won 6-2, 6-2.

Terry Moor of the United States scored a 6-7, 6-4, 8-6 win in a one-and-a-half-hour duel with Australia's Peter McNamara, who had upset fourth-seeded Victor Pecci a day earlier.

Moor's compatriot, Eddie Dibbs, reached the quarterfinal with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Brazil's Carlos Kyrmaika and Hungary's Balaz Tarocky beat sixth-seeded Hans Gildemeister of Chile 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles matches, Smid and Sherwood Stewart of the United States beat Argentines Fernando Dalla Fontana and Carlos Gattiker 7-5, 7-6, and Brazilians Joao Soares and Joao Jozevar beat Americans Charles Owens and Bob Nichols 6-7, 6-4.

In Bologna, Czechoslovakia's Stanislav Birner Thursday defeated France's Jean Caujolle in three sets to advance to the quarterfinals of the men's singles of the Italian indoor tennis championship.

The score was 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.



Derek Underwood

What makes the best Science studies Olympics

STATE COLLEGE, Pennsylvania Nov. 23 (AP) — Scientists remain puzzled by a record-breaking leap at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City and want to guard against similar mysteries at the Moscow Games next year.

Bob Beamon's long jump of 29 feet, 2 1/2 inches broke the old world mark by nearly two feet, in a sport where gains are usually measured in fractions of inches.

The achievement startled spectators and Beamon himself, whose longest jump since was a little short of 27 feet (8.10 meters). No competitor has come close to duplicating his Olympic feat.

"It was just one of those rare moments in sports, but we'll never know exactly what he did right because there were no scientific films made at the Olympics," said Dr. Richard Nelson, director of the Biomechanics Laboratory at Pennsylvania State University.

Nelson heads the team of scientists planning to photograph movements of athletes at the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980.

"We'll be looking at selected biomedical components for each of the sport movements," he said. "Every sport was a specific biomedical profile. What we're trying to do is find out what it is that sets apart top contenders in each sport."

According to Nelson, general

purpose films made at earlier Olympics were not suitable for biomedical analysis. The films did not capture the details needed to analyze athletes' movements.

In the first project of its kind, Nelson's team will use sophisticated equipment to record four sports at the 1980 Games.

"We won't bother the athletes," Nelson said. "They'll never even know they're participating."

Working with Soviet scientists, the team will record competition in men's and women's gymnastics, diving, rowing and weightlifting.

"We still have some final decisions to make on placement of cameras, specific events to film and many logistical problems."

The project is sponsored by the U.S. Olympic Committee and the American College of Sports Medicine.

Graham blunders

Two tie Perth golf lead

PERTH, Australia, Nov. 23 (AP) — champion David Graham took four putts at the final green to relinquish what looked certain to be the first round lead in the West Australian Anniversary Open golf championship at the Lake Karriyup Country Club.

The lead was shared by Australian Terry Gale and

Fittipaldi heads back to track

SAO PAULO, Nov. 23 (AP) Brazil's ex-world champion Formula One driver, Emerson Fittipaldi, has finally found a new sponsor, Cervejarias Reunidas Skol Caracu S.A. Fittipaldi, who made the announcement here Thursday afternoon, said the team's second driver will be Keke Rosberg of Finland.


The Fittipaldi team lost its sponsor three months ago when Brazil's Copersucar dropped out of the expensive Formula One game because of its own financial problems. At that time Fittipaldi admitted he was having trouble finding someone to take Copersucar's place. But he declared he could afford to support the team himself for a few months, if he had to — just so he could keep driving.

Fittipaldi refused to give details of the agreement between his team and Skol, but he said it costs \$3.5 million to \$4.5 million to keep a team on the road for a year.


Skol signed a two-year contract. In spite of its problems in air, being a backer, the Fittipaldi team went ahead with preparations for the 1980 season. It bought the Wolf racing team in October and is using its installations in Reading, England, to build a new car.

Fittipaldi will abandon the experimental F-6 which served him so badly in 1979, an will replace it with a conventional F-7. He said the car, designed under team captain Peter War, will start road tests in December on the Paul Ricard Track in Brazil.

Fittipaldi said he was happy to have Roseberg as his second driver. "Keke, with his experience, will be able to help me a lot in getting the new car into shape," he said.




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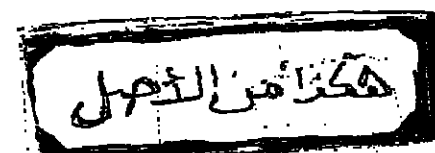
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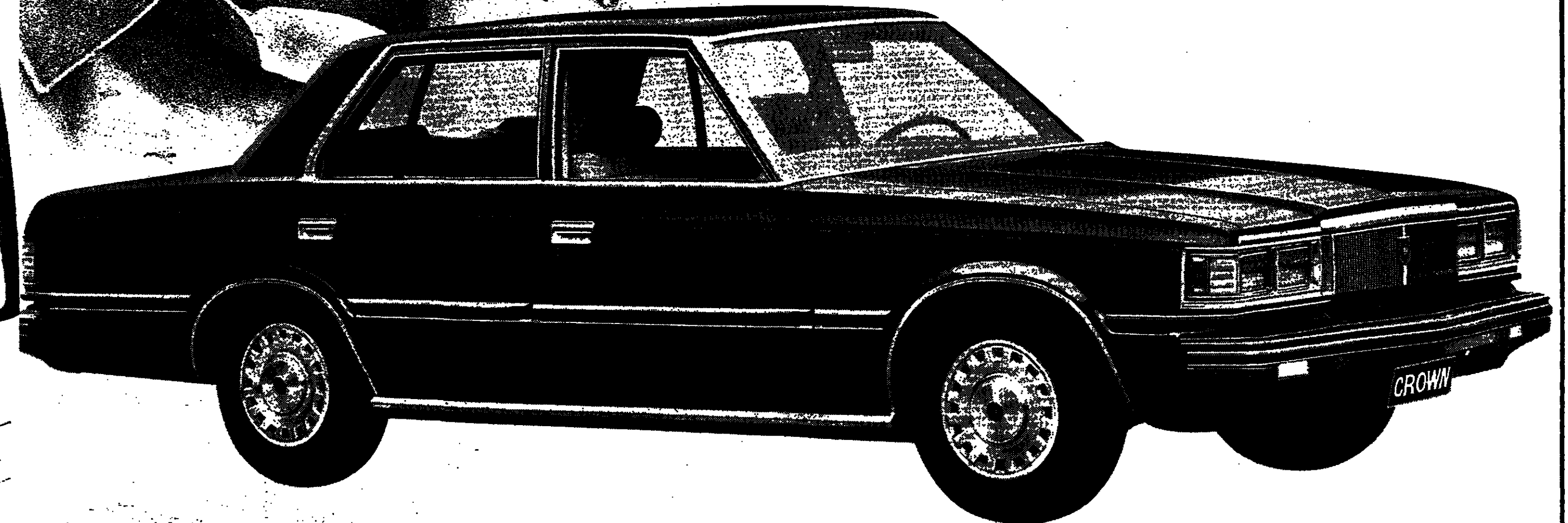


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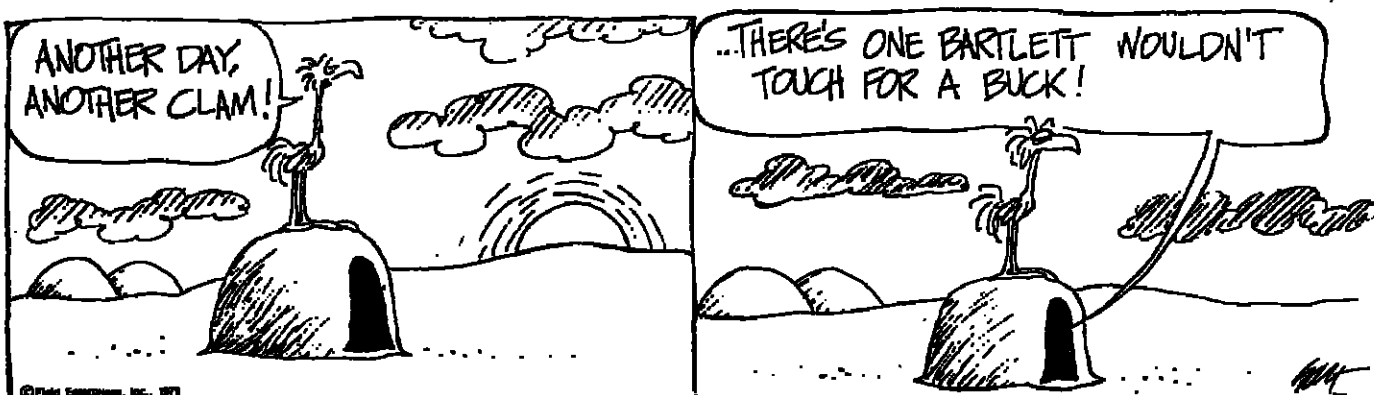
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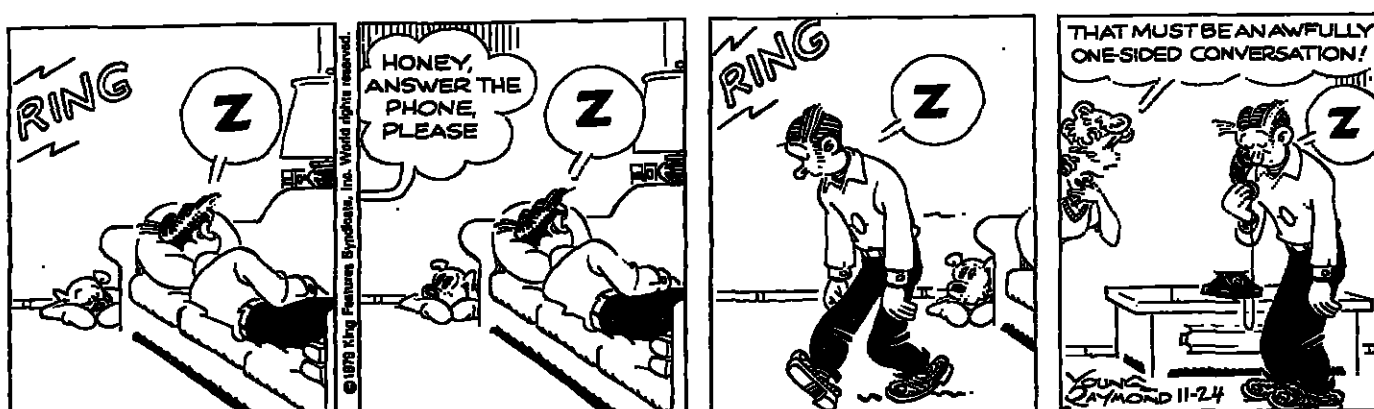
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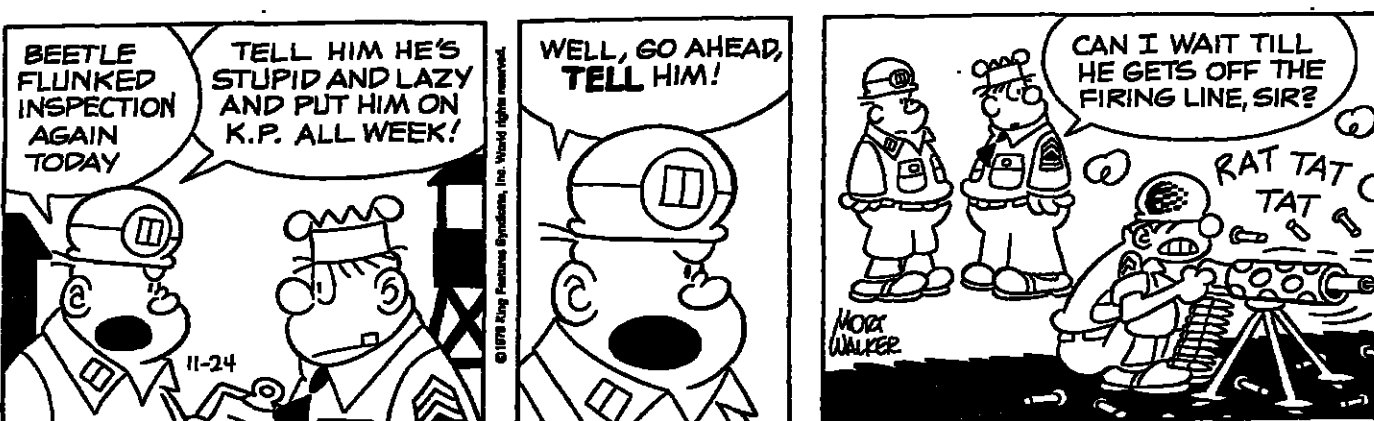
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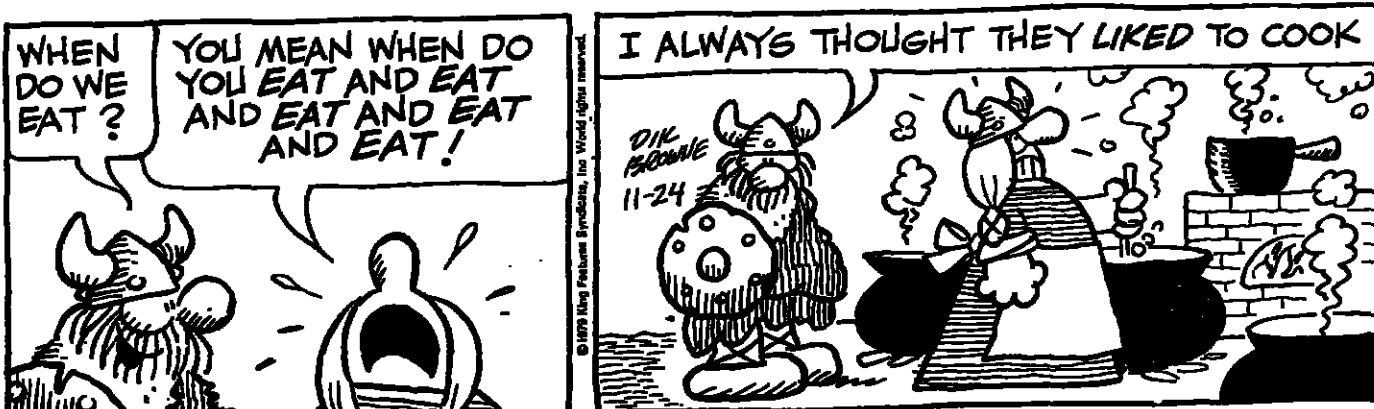
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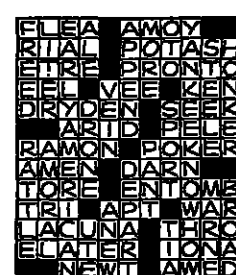
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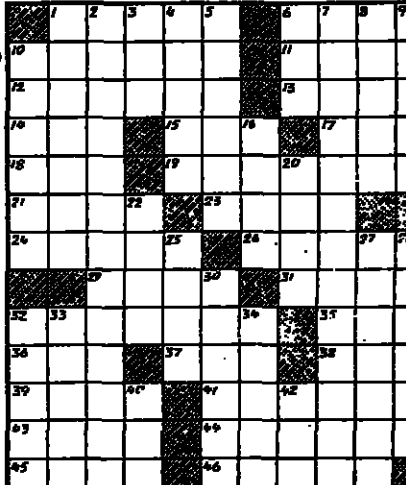
Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Apportion
 - 6 Russian man's name
 - 10 Bride-to-be affair
 - 11 Ready for picking
 - 12 Bank employee
 - 13 Equable
 - 14 — shrew
 - 15 Large container
 - 17 Gay Nineties, e.g.
 - 18 Ostrichlike bird
 - 19 Perpetual
 - 21 N. Scand. navian
 - 22 On the main
 - 24 Obtain membership
 - 25 Custer's sword
 - 29 Viva voce
 - 31 Ditty refrain
 - 32 Affected
 - 35 Cozy spot
 - 36 Malarkey
 - 37 Timorese coin
 - 38 Fuss at
 - 39 Norwegian king
 - 41 Non compos mentis
 - 43 Baronet's wife
 - 46 Win hearts
- DOWN**
- 1 Civil War general
 - 2 Ridicule
 - 3 Piercing tool
 - 4 Medieval manor officer
 - 5 Printing misadventures
 - 6 Wrath
 - 7 Slandered in a way
 - 8 Soap or horse
 - 9 Of the kidneys
 - 10 English essayist
 - 16 Hardy woman
 - 20 The McCoy
 - 22 Llama land
 - 25 Ending for piano or cyclo
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Yesterday's Answer

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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HA IPOAQ-LJLC - OFNQHON
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Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

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North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9 7 6
♥ 4
♦ 10 6 4 3
♣ K Q 6

EAST
♠ 4 4 3
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 10 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 2
♥ A 7 2
♦ A K 5
♣ A J 7 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♥ Pass
4♠ Pass 4NT Pass
5♠ Pass 5♥ Pass
5NT Pass 7♦ Pass

Opening lead — three of hearts.

Most of the top players use natural bidding, but some use very artificial methods to try to reach the perfect contract. Here is a sample of how far our "modern scientists" go to reach the unusual but correct contract of seven clubs.

The deal occurred in the Reisinger team of four champions. North was Ron Rubin and South was Mike Becker, both nationally known players from New York. The got to seven clubs after one of the longest sequences record.

Two Clubs was artificial; game-forcing, and Two Hearts showed a unbalanced distribution. Three Diamonds over the double of two hearts indicated precisely 11 spades and four diamonds.

Three Hearts was, more artificial, (because) was the cheapest bid possible, and therefore said "Tell me more." Three Spades showed one heart and three clubs. Four Clubs said "Tell me more." Four Diamonds said "I have a minor opening bid." Four Hearts asked for the number of controls (ace equals two; king equals one). Four Spades said "Where are they?"

Five Diamonds showed king of clubs; Five Hearts said "Tell me more." Four Notrump showed the ace spades and denied the queen of diamonds.

So young Mike Becker decided that North had black queens for his own bid and therefore said "chub," which he made. Obviously, Mike is not a chip the old block!

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Saturday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:20	6:44	12:15	3:23	5:41	7:11
Medina	5:27	6:47	12:16	3:19	5:37	7:07
Nejd	4:52	6:16	11:42	2:36	5:04	6:34

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4:30 Children's Show	Electric Company 434
5:25 Circus	7818
5:48 Holmes & Yoyo	The Hostages
Safety Film	Children watch us cross
6:14 Alias Smith & Jones	Day Amnesty came through
7:04 Dickens of London	Money
7:54 All in the family	The Convict
8:19 Raffles	Gift of the Emperor
9:10 The Prisoner	ABC

VOA

8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses	10:30 VOC Magazine: America: Science; Cultural: Letter
8:30 Dateline News Summary Special English: News: Feature: The Making of a Nation News Summary	11:00 Special English: News 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	12:00 News newsmakers: voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.
10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities	
10:05 Opening: Analyses	

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2:30 Hits in Germany	9:55 Music
3:00 NEWS	10:00 Youth Welfare
3:10 Press Review	10:10 Music
3:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 Islam Activities in Focus	10:25 S. Chronicle
3:30 Selection of Music	10:30 The Evening Show
3:50 Close Down	11:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
	11:10 Music
Evening Transmission	11:15 Mood Music
9:00 Opening	11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:00 Close Down

(French Service)

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	7:30 Nouvelles du monde Muallman
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8:50 Varietes	8:30 Informations
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9:15 Varietes	
9:30 A l'ecole du Prophete	8:55 Cloture
9:40 Musique	

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Morning Transmission

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9.00 Newsdesk	6.15 Outlook
9.30 Opera Star	
10.00 World News	7.00 World News
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	7.09 Commentary
10.30 Sarah Ward	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10.45 Something to Show You	7.45 World Today
11.00 World News	
11.09 Reflections	8.00 World News
11.15 Piano Style	8.09 Books and Writers
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	8.30 Take One
12.00 World News	8.45 Sports Round-up
12.09 British Press Review	
12.15 World Today	9.00 World News
12.30 Financial News	9.09 News about Britain
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	10.43 Look Ahead
	10.45 Ulster in Focus
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1.30 Discovery	12.15 Talkabout
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2.30 Sports International	1.09 World Today
2.40 Radio Newsreel	1.25 Financial News
3.15 Promenade Concert	1.35 Book Choice
3.45 Sports Round-up	1.40 Reflections
4.00 World News	1.45 Sports Round-up
	2.00 World News
	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
You may gain a sudden insight about a financial matter. Doing extra work at home and partying won't mix. Choose priorities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Unexpected decision re partnership. You may be disappointed about a romantic matter. Keep business separate from socializing.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Close allies may have objections about traveling. Begin new work projects. A family member could be critical of a love interest.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
Local visits may lead to romance. A change of pace heightens perceptions. Not the time to finalize financial agreements.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
Don't let money worry interfere with enjoying yourself. Follow intuition re domestic affairs. Listen to partner's thoughts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Watch snap decisions. New insights re work, but you still may be nervous about implementing them. Give regimens special priority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
A romantic meeting not live up to expectations. Stay clear of clandestine involvements. News finances requires response.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Be tactful in presenting ideas. Unexpected visit may upset home routine. Don't give a party you're in the mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Sudden perceptions a relationship possible. Close change your mind a business proposition. Consider all angles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
If traveling, you may be tempted to overindulge. Unexpected news re friend. A person at a distance may seem somewhat of an acquaintance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
An acquaintance may be interested in your advances. Questions timidity seem paramount. Developments re career.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Close allies may need privacy. If you do, travel plans may change.

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Kaunda blasts British

Front launches new attacks against Rhodesia

ZIMBABWE RUINS. Zimbabwe Rhodesia, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — Patriotic Front guerrillas launched a brief attack Friday on a near-empty hotel at the Zimbabwe Ruins, the crumbling stone structures which for African nationalists symbolize pre-colonial Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

The guerrillas peppered the hotel's defences with automatic rifle fire from the surrounding bush, but no casualties were reported in the attack which began after an unexplained explosion near the Zimbabwe Ruins Hotel.

Only one guest was staying in the hotel at the time.

Government security forces sent ground troops, a helicopter and a spotter plane to the area.

The attack was one of a series of incidents in the region since guerrillas and hotel staff fought a pitched overnight battle for the hotel last June.

One white soldier was killed in the June attack but the guerrilla onslaught was repulsed.

Guardsmen on two sides of the hotel blasted the bush with automatic rifle fire.

Guerrillas of the Zimbabwe National Liberation army (ZANLA) of Robert Mugabe, which is based in Mozambique, operate in the area and were believed responsible for the assault.

One aim of the attack was believed to be to



Kenneth Kaunda

scare of black workers and force the closure of the hotel, giving the guerrillas easier access to the symbolic ruins.

These were closed briefly to the public last June but they were open Friday when armed reservists in an armor-plated vehicle drove to them to pick up three European tourists who had unwittingly driven past the guerrilla position without incident and were strolling round the ruins taking photographs.

The three men, a Belgian, a Swiss and a West German, were holidaymakers living in South Africa and touring Zimbabwe Rhodesia. They had heard the firing, they said, but did not realize the hotel had been



Robert Mugabe

involved in the skirmish.

In Lusaka President Kenneth Kaunda told 2,000 youths assembled at State House on Friday that their earlier demonstrations at the British High Commissioner had shown the commissioner he was "irrelevant" in Zambia.

The youths earlier broke about 30 windows at a noisy demonstration at the commission offices. The youths tore up the commission gardens, hurled potted plants and stones at windows and chanted "Britains go Home."

The crowd then marched down Independence Avenue — jeering as they passed the commissioner's residence but causing no damage.

Kaunda addressed the assembled crowd at the State House gardens.

The demonstration was the second in two days, with both followed by a speech by the Zambian leader.

"What you have done yesterday and this morning should show the British government that that man (British High Commissioner Sir Legnard Allinson) can't operate here anymore," Kaunda said.

"He has rendered himself completely irrelevant," he said to enthusiastic cheers from the crowd.

He called upon the youths to now leave the matter "in the hands of your party and the government to handle."

It was understood to be a suggestion that the commissioner's residence and the high commission not be attacked again.

Kaunda said 50,000 Zambian national servicemen were ready to fight at a moment's notice, but the country lacked funds and equipment.

Observers in the Zambian capital believed the number of soldiers available was much lower than that given by President Kaunda and said the figure was more likely to be 25,000 to 30,000 including the 20,000 who were understood to be available for the general mobilization announced last Tuesday.

The state-owned *Zambia Daily Mail* on Friday called for the withdrawal of the commissioner following his impromptu remark that Britain was not responsible for damage caused by Zimbabwe Rhodesian raids into Zambia.

The newspaper, which generally reflects government thinking, accused Sir Leonard of undiplomatic misconduct and lack of respect for President Kaunda.

"We demand an apology from his government, and after that, he should be withdrawn because Zambia cannot tolerate him," the newspaper said.

The call for Sir Leonard's departure followed a difficult day for Britain Thursday, in which the Union Jack was lowered from its pole at the British High Commission.

About 50 demonstrators, of a group of 2,000 marchers, passed the high commission, jumped over the compound walls and lowered the flag while Zambian police stood back and watched.

The others chanted anti-British slogans before moving on to State House where they were joined by about 4,000 others at a rally addressed by Kaunda.

Other man acquitted

Mountbatten killer gets life sentence

DUBLIN, Nov. 23 (AP) — Irish Republican Army guerrilla Thomas McMahon, 31, was sentenced to jail for life by an anti-terrorist, no-jury court here Friday for assassinating Lord Louis Mountbatten, a cousin of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, in the Irish Republic three months ago.

Another defendant, 24-year-old Francis McGirl, was found innocent of the slaying. But the three judges at the special criminal court ordered him to stand trial Jan. 21 on charges of belonging to the outlawed IRA's Provisional Wing. He was freed on 1,000 pounds bail.

The presiding judge gave permission to McMahon, a longtime Provisional IRA explosives specialist, to appeal the life sentence.

Both men had denied they killed 79-year-old soldier-statesman Earl Mountbatten of Burma, the most prominent Briton to be slain by Irish terrorists this century.

The Mountbatten assassination was the most sensational attack staged by the IRA and has led to a major tightening of security in Ireland as well as increased cooperation between the British and Irish governments to curb the guerrillas.

The IRA is fighting to end British rule in

Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland and to reunite it with the overwhelmingly Catholic Republic. Ireland was partitioned in 1922.

Mountbatten was killed Aug. 27 when IRA terrorists blew up his 27-foot lobster boat, *Shadow V*, in Donegal Bay on the northwest coast of Ireland where the British peer and his family were vacationing.

Also slain were Mountbatten's 14-year-old grandson, Nicholas Knatchbull; Lady Brabourne, Mountbatten's daughter's mother-in-law; and a 15-year-old boatboy. The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility.

McMahon and McGirl were arrested by chance at a police roadblock several hours before the radio-detonated bomb exploded. Police said the pair planted the powerful bomb, leaving it for other IRA men to detonate.

Detectives said they are still hunting for at least five other men involved in the assassination.

"We're confident more arrests will be made in this case soon," one police source reported.

The judge said McMahon was convicted on forensic evidence that proved he had been aboard Mountbatten's boat.



Lord Mountbatten

At Narita airport

JAL hijack bid foiled in Japan

TOKYO, Nov. 23 (AP) — The pilot of a Japan Air Lines DC-10 wrested a bottle opener and a small plastic knife from a lone hijacker Friday, thwarting his attempt to force the plane to fly to the Soviet Union.

The domestic flight, hijacked just after takeoff from Osaka, was carrying 345 passengers and a crew of 11 to Tokyo.

Kazumi Nomura, a 25-year-old tile-setter from Sakai City, was taken into custody after the hijacking ended on the ground at Tokyo's new Narita International Airport, officials said.

Nomura demanded the plane be flown to the Soviet Union after being diverted to Narita, 64 kilometers outside the Japanese capital. It had been scheduled to land at Haneda, Tokyo's domestic airport.

The airline crew handed Nomura over to Narita Airport police after a scuffle in the cockpit. The pilot of the aircraft, 39-year-old Toshiyuki Nishihira, suffered minor injuries to his wrist, a Japan Air Lines official said.

None of the passengers or other crew members was harmed, officials said.

In a radio conversation with the control tower at Narita, Nomura allegedly threatened to kill the co-pilot unless refueling was begun in 10 minutes, a spokesman for the national carrier said.

International flights were diverted to Haneda airport during the 90 minute period the plane was isolated at the north end of the apron of Narita's only runway.

The board chairman of Japan Airlines, Shozo Hotta, was reported to be on the hijacked plane, but the hijacker apparently wasn't aware of the executive's presence, authorities said.

Passengers were heard giving a traditional Japanese greeting to pilot Nishihira as he was led through the air terminal after the incident. "Thank you for your pains" ("gokususama"), they were quoted by local news reports as saying.

Friday was "labor Thanksgiving day," a national holiday.

Officials said a motive for the attempted hijacking was not immediately established.

Since 1970, Japan has given in to terrorists' demands in four major hijack cases involving Japanese planes abroad. All four cases involved the Japanese Red Army group.

In 1977, the then Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, saying human lives are heavier than the earth, paid a \$ 6 million ransom and released six convicted terrorists in exchange for 156 passengers of a Japan Air Lines DC-8 hijacked over India.

Radical hijackers had sought asylum in North Korea, Libya and Algeria but no Japanese have ever attempted to go to the Soviet Union.

Japan has since passed an anti-hijacking law that calls for harsh punishment, including the death penalty. Japanese police also have set up a special 70-man task force to deal with hijackers.

WHO report says

Polio still plagues Third World

GENEVA, Nov. 23 (AP) — Polio is still a "serious problem" in developing countries although most industrialized states, where well-organized immunization programs exist, have managed to bring the disease under control, the World Health Organization said in a report published Friday.

Reviewing polio outbreaks throughout the world, the United Nations agency said the decrease in cases in Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean registered in 1977 had been reversed last year.

At the same time, incidence in North

America and the West Pacific had gone in 1978 compared with the previous

Citing one example, the report said Kenya, more cases of polio were not 1978 than in any previous year since records began, topping one, the one the mark for the first time.

Except for South Africa, the report "there is no marked sustained tendency (Africa) of a decrease in the incidence of poliomyelitis," as the disease is known full name.

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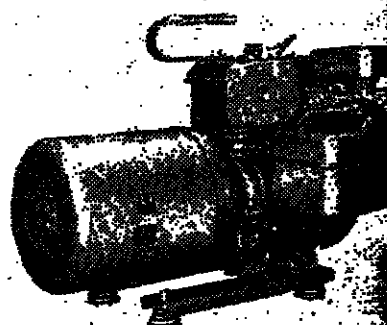
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